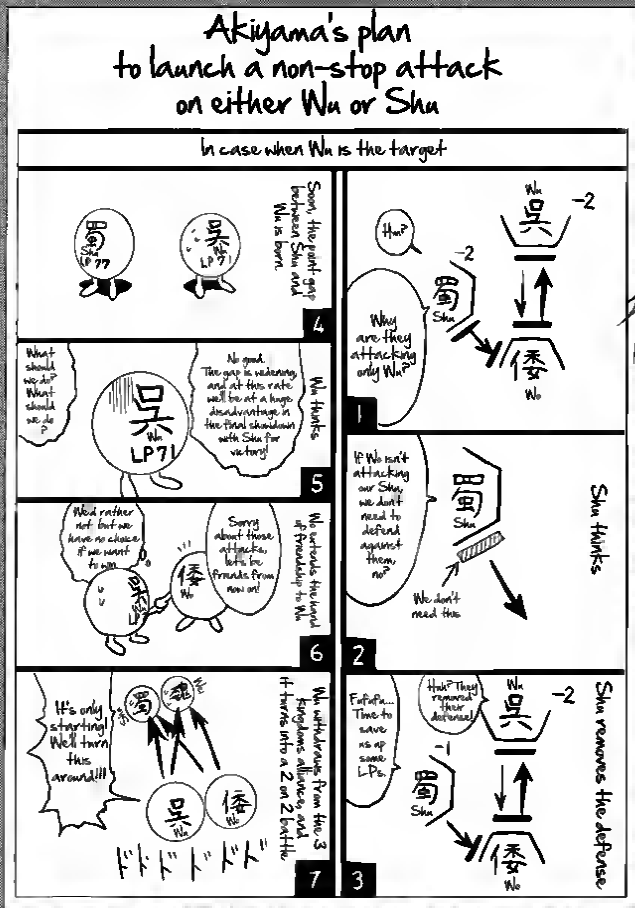
Akiyama's plan
to launch a non-stop attack
on either Wu or Shu
In case when Wu is the target
Wu
-2
Huh?
-2
Shu
Why are they attacking only Wu?
Wo
1
If Wo isn't attacking our Shu, we don't need to defend against them, no?
Shu
Shu hunks
We don't need this
2
Shu removes the defense
Huh? They removed their defenses!
Fufufu... Time to save us up some LPs.
-2
-1
3
Soon, the giant gap between Shu and Wu is born.
4
What should we do? What should we do?
No good. The gap is widening, and at this rate we'll be at a huge disadvantage in the final showdown with Shu for victory!
Wu hunks
5
We'd rather not, but we have no choice if we want to win.
Sorry about those attacks, but I'm friends from now on!
Wo retreads the sword of friendship to Wu
6
It's only starting! We'll turn this around!!!
Wu withdraws from the 3 Kingdoms alliance, and it turns into a 2 on 2 battle
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OPPORTUNITIES DWELL IN CRACKS

Chapter 192
Wei and Wo

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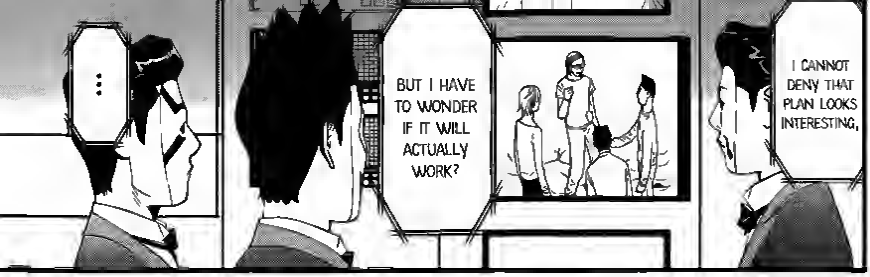
THE PROBLEM IS WHICH KINGDOM, WU OR SHU, SHOULD WE CHOOSE AS A TARGET...?
SO NOW...
WE HAVE A CHANCE! LET'S GO WITH THAT PLAN!
CAN THEY BREAK THE WAR'S EQUILIBRIUM...?!
JUST LOOK AT THE TWO KINGDOMS' MEMBERS
WHY?
RIGHT?
92
吳
WU
IT'S WU,
THAT'S NO PROBLEM
IN OTHER WORDS, THE OTHER THREE KNOW FOR THEMSELVES JUST HOW STRONG AND SCARY AKIYAMA IS
AMONG THE MEMBERS OF WU, THERE'S ONLY 1 SUCH PERSON
AMONG THE MEMBERS OF SHU, WE HAVE 2 NEW PEOPLE WHO NEVER FOUGHT AKIYAMA BEFORE
SHU
蜀
WU
吳
LET'S TARGET WU.
AL-RIGHT.
YUP!
AH, I GET IT! PRECISELY BECAUSE THEY KNOW, THEY'D READILY WANT TO BE HIS ALLIES!


I CANNOT DENY THAT PLAN LOOKS INTERESTING,
BUT I HAVE TO WONDER IF IT WILL ACTUALLY WORK?
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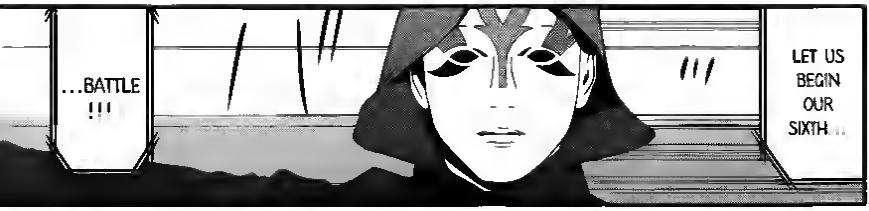
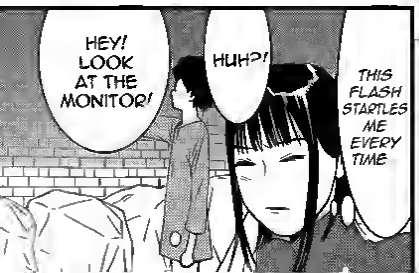
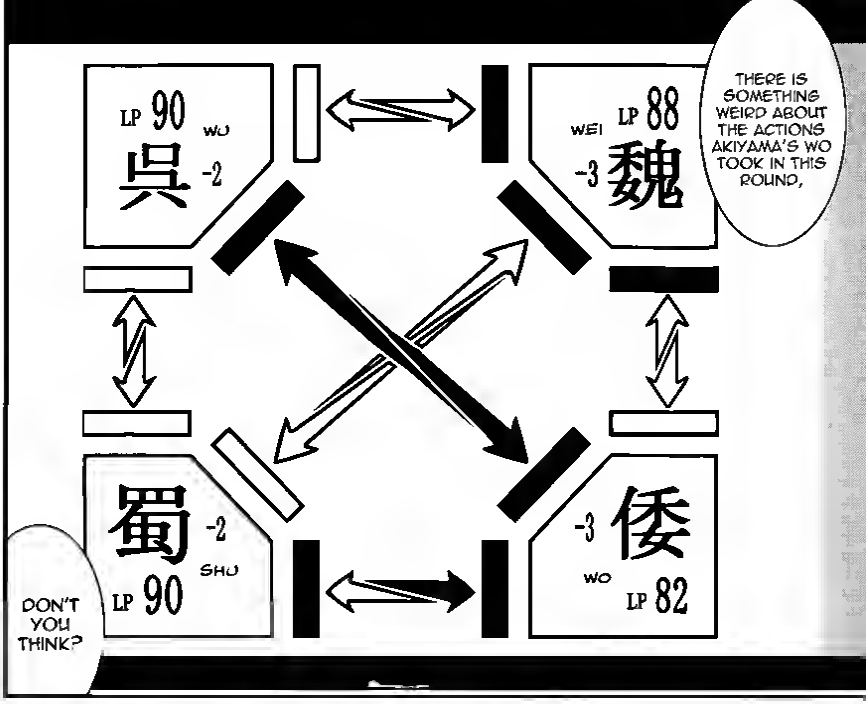
THE TIME IS UP.

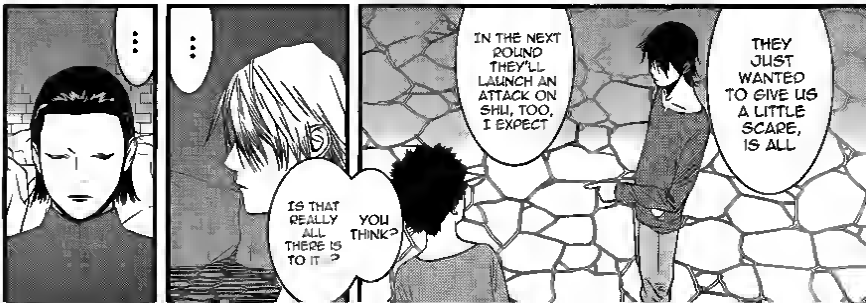

LET US BEGIN OUR SIXTH…
…BATTLE !!!

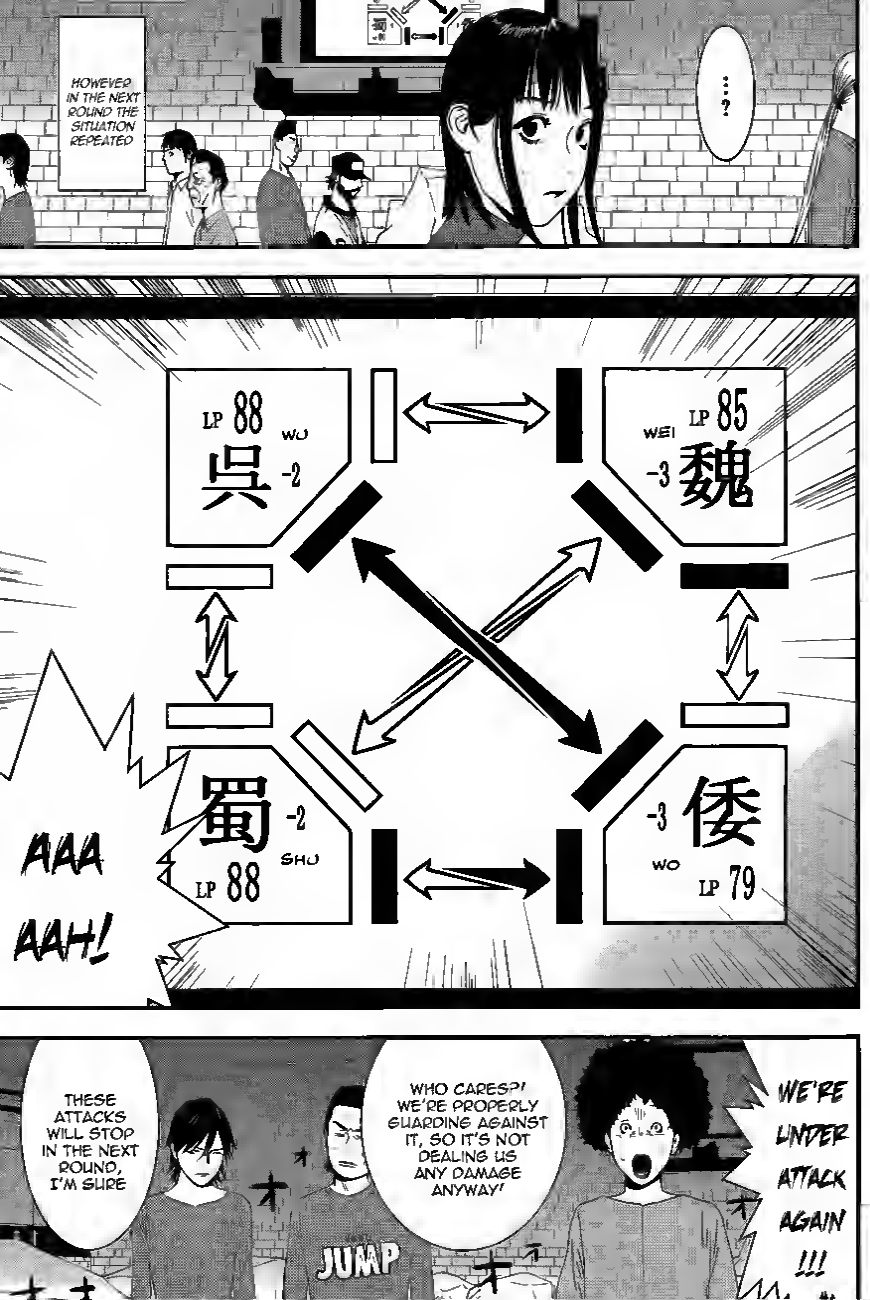

THIS FLASH STARTLES ME EVERY TIME
HUH?!
HEY! LOOK AT THE MONITOR!

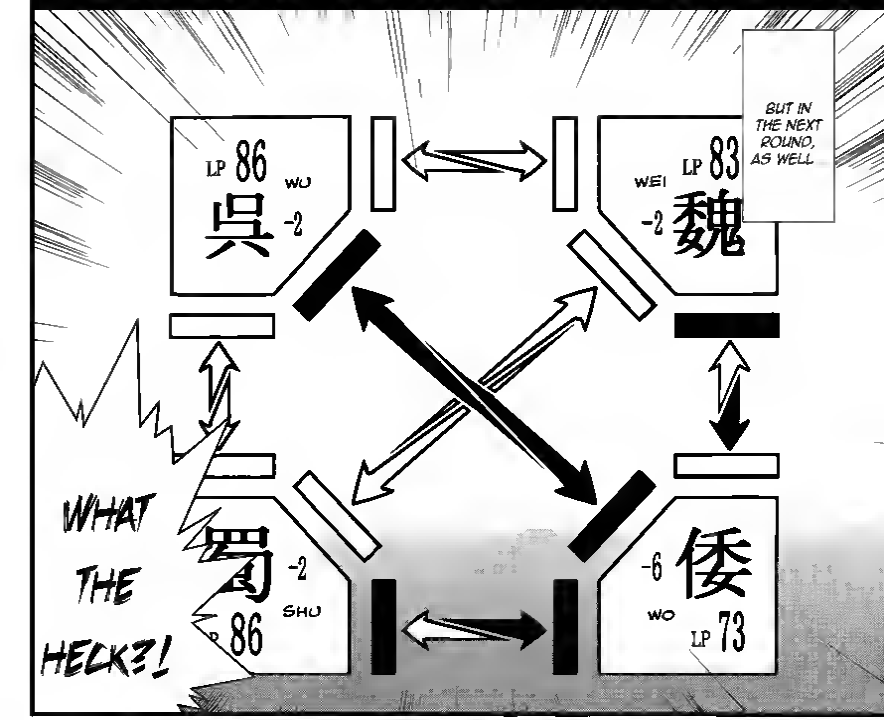
GWAH!

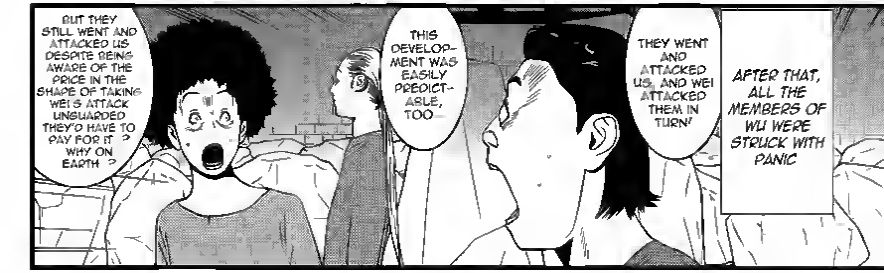

LP 90
WU
呉
-2
LP 88
WEI
-3
魏
THERE IS SOMETHING WEIRD ABOUT THE ACTIONS AKIYAMA'S WO TOOK IN THIS ROUND,
蜀
-2
SHU
LP 90
-3
倭
WO
LP 82
DON'T YOU THINK?

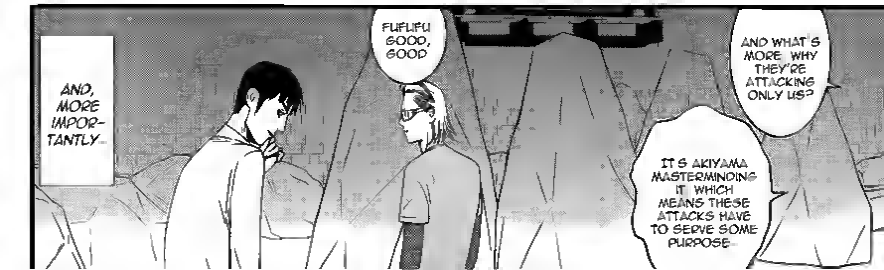
TRUE..
WHILE NOT LAYING A FINGER ON WEI AND SHU.
THEY ATTACKED ONLY OUR WU,
JUMP


...
...
IS THAT REALLY ALL THERE IS TO IT...?
YOU THINK?
IN THE NEXT ROUND THEY'LL LAUNCH AN ATTACK ON SHU, TOO, I EXPECT
THEY JUST WANTED TO GIVE US A LITTLE SCARE, IS ALL


HOWEVER IN THE NEXT ROUND THE SITUATION REPEATED
……?
LP 88
WU
呉
-2
WEI
LP 85
-3
魏
AAA
AAH!
蜀
-2
SHU
LP 88
-3
倭
WO
LP 79
THESE ATTACKS WILL STOP IN THE NEXT ROUND, I'M SURE
WHO CARES?! WE'RE PROPERLY GUARDING AGAINST IT, SO IT'S NOT DEALING US ANY DAMAGE ANYWAY!
WE'RE UNDER ATTACK AGAIN !!!
JUMP


BUT IN THE NEXT ROUND, AS WELL
LP 86
WU
呉
-2
WEI
LP 83
-2
魏
WHAT THE HECK?!
罚
-2
SHU
86
-6
倭
WO
LP 73


BUT THEY STILL WENT AND ATTACKED US DESPITE BEING AWARE OF THE PRICE IN THE SHAPE OF TAKING WEI'S ATTACK UNGUARDED THEY'D HAVE TO PAY FOR IT ? WHY ON EARTH ?
THIS DEVELOPMENT WAS EASILY PREDICTABLE, TOO
THEY WENT AND ATTACKED US, AND WEI ATTACKED THEM IN TURN!
AFTER THAT, ALL THE MEMBERS OF WU WERE STRUCK WITH PANIC


AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY...
FUFUFU GOOD, GOOD
AND WHAT'S MORE, WHY THEY'RE ATTACKING ONLY US?
IT'S AKIYAMA MASTERMINDING IT WHICH MEANS THESE ATTACKS HAVE TO SERVE SOME PURPOSE

THE MEMBERS OF SHU STARTED REACTING
...HEY
THOSE ACTIONS OF WO'S KINDA MAKES YOU WONDER, NO?
THEIR PERSISTENT ATTACK ON WU, YOU MEAN?
JUST WHAT'S GOING THROUGH AKIYAMA'S HEAD?
I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT HE'S TRYING TO DO THERE...
BUT ISN'T IT OUR CHANCE?
CHANCE?
PRECISELY. I BET AKIYAMA WILL CONTINUE ATTACKING WU
AND COMPLETELY IGNORING US.
IN TURN, THAT MEANS...
Removing this won't result in bad consequences
SHU
蜀
WO
倭
WE CAN REMOVE OUR DEFENSE AGAINST HIS WO WITHOUT ANY NASTY CONSEQUENCES.
I AGREE. WE'RE NOT WO'S TARGET.
IF WE DO AS I JUST SUGGEST-ED

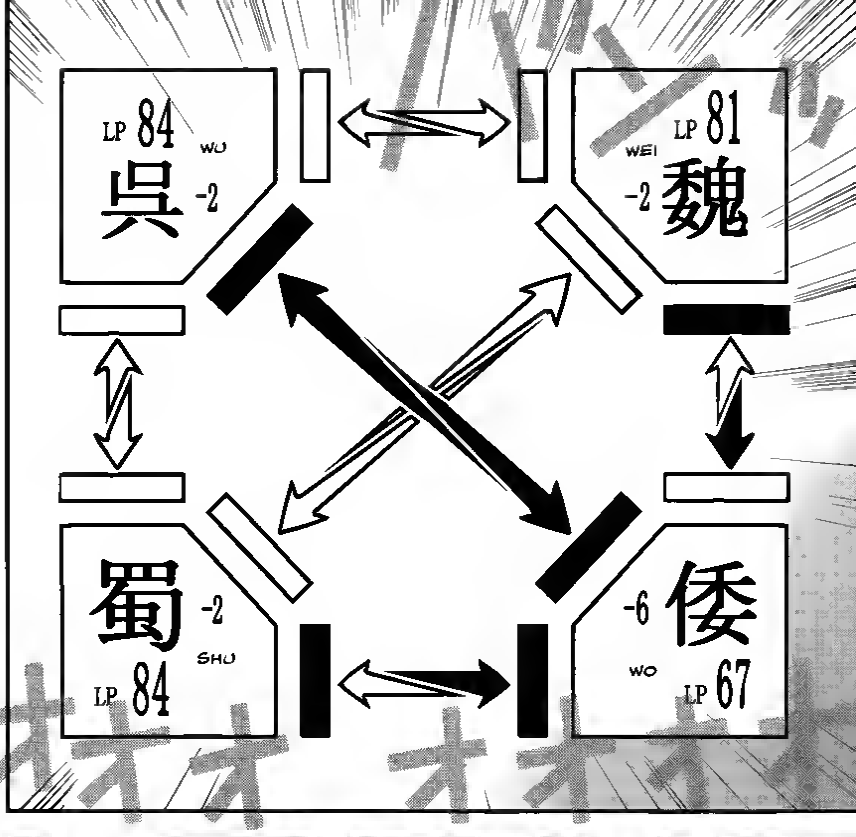
WE'LL BE IN A MORE FAVORABLE POSITION IN THE FINALE OF THIS GAME WHEN WE'LL HAVE TO FIGHT WITH WU FOR VICTORY!!!
THAT IS...
...WE'LL GET TO SAVE UP SOME LPS.

WHICH MEANS...
IT'S GOING EXACTLY AS AKIYAMA SAID!
OOH !!!

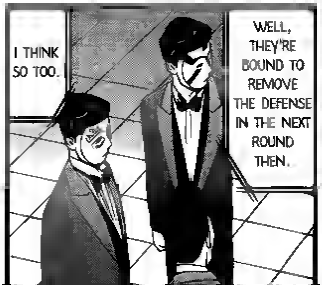
THE BALANCE WILL BE DESTROYED AT LAST?!
...IN THE NEXT ROUND...

THE TIME IS UP!!!

I TRUST ALL THE GENERALS HAD ENOUGH TIME TO INPUT YOUR RESPECTIVE KINGDOM'S STRATEGIC ACTIONS.
THE MOMENT OF TRUTH
LET'S SEE WHAT SHU DID FOR THIS ROUND.
I CANNOT WAIT TO SEE IF THEY REMOVED THEIR DEFENSE AGAINST WO OR NOT!
I'D SAY IT'S MORE THAN LIKELY.
AND NOW...
BATTLE!
KYA!
WHAT ACTIONS SHU USED?!
!!


LP 84
WU
呉
-2
WEI
LP 81
-2
魏
蜀
-2
SHU
LP 84
-6
倭
WO
LP 67

AHH...
...


I THINK SO TOO.
WELL, THEY'RE BOUND TO REMOVE THE DEFENSE IN THE NEXT ROUND THEN.

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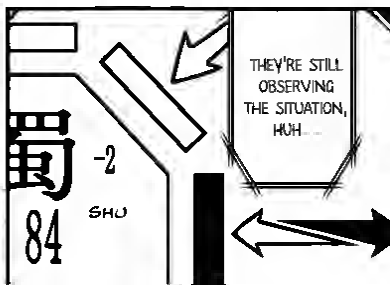
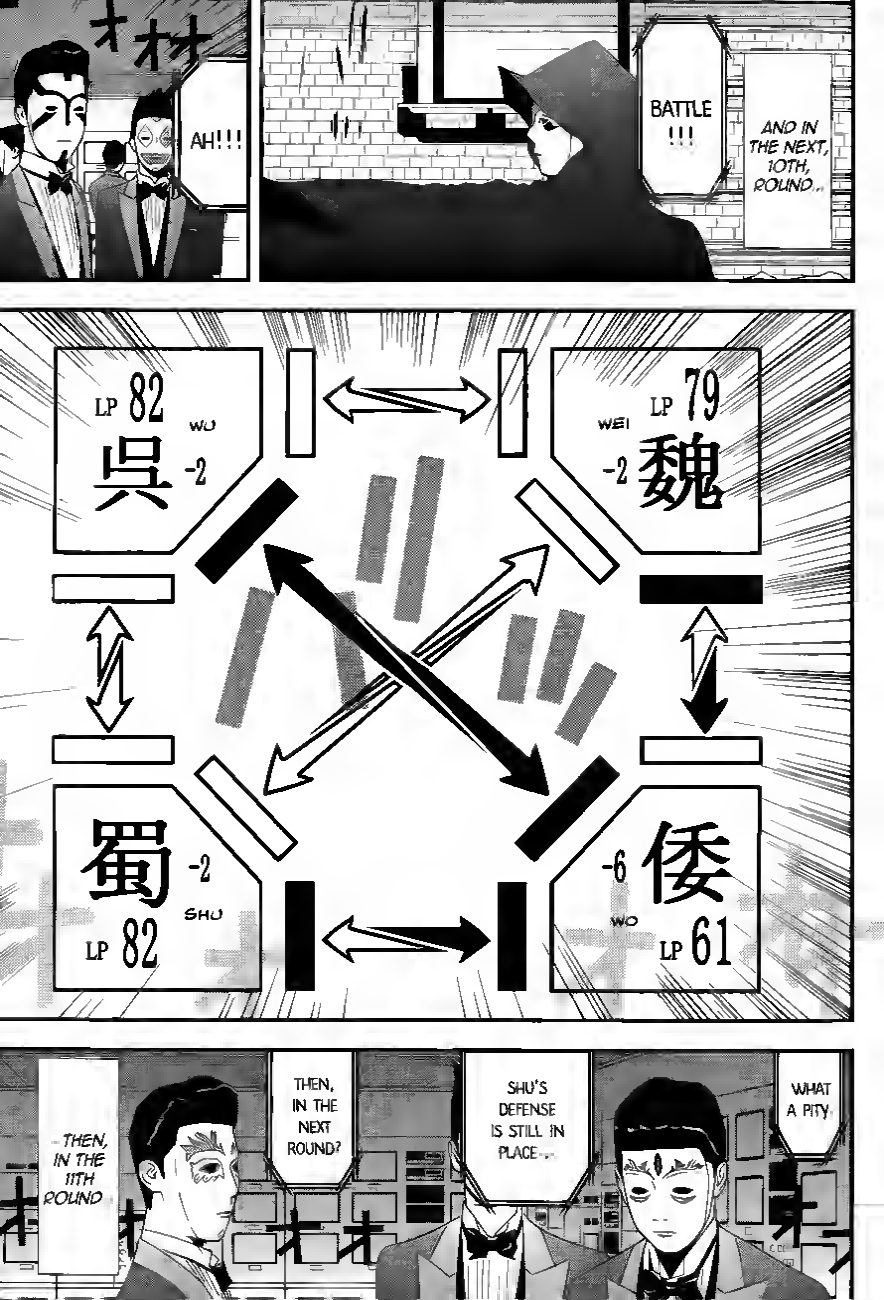
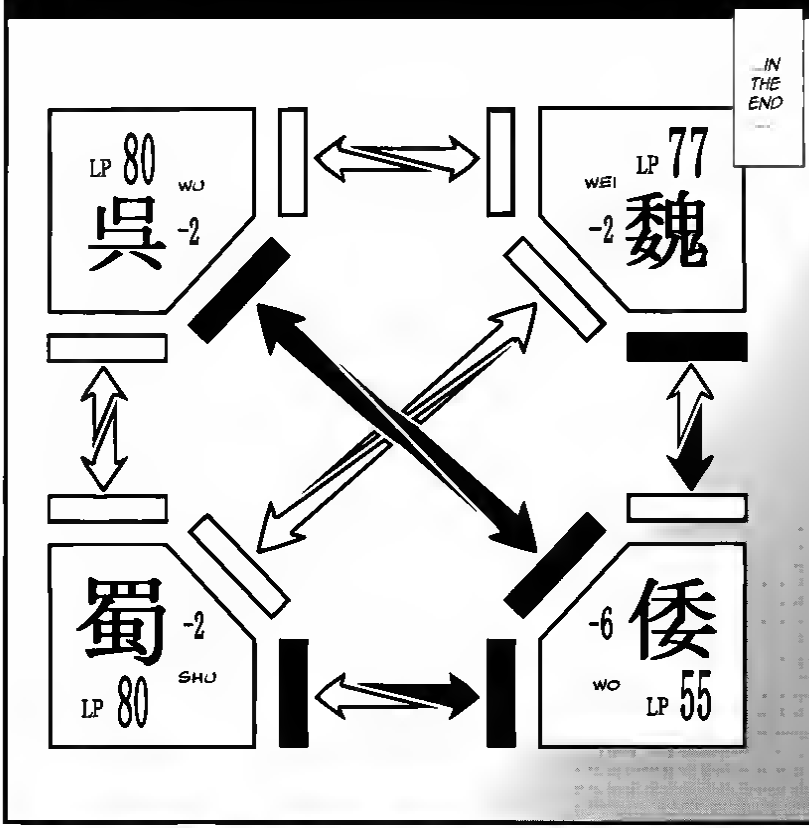

THEY'RE STILL OBSERVING THE SITUATION, HUH...
蜀
-2
SHU
84


AH!!!
BATTLE !!!
AND IN THE NEXT, 10TH, ROUND...
LP 82
WU
呉
-2
LP 79
WEI
-2
魏
蜀
-2
SHU
LP 82
-6
倭
WO
LP 61
THEN, IN THE 11TH ROUND
THEN, IN THE NEXT ROUND?
SHU'S DEFENSE IS STILL IN PLACE...
WHAT A PITY

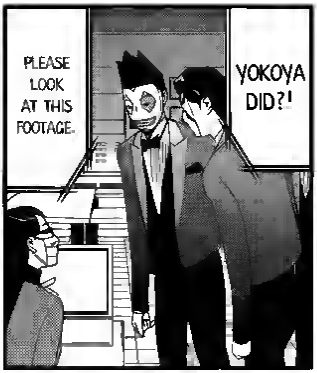

...IN THE END...
LP 80
WU
呉
-2
WEI
LP 77
-2
魏
-2
蜀
SHU
LP 80
-6
倭
WO
LP 55

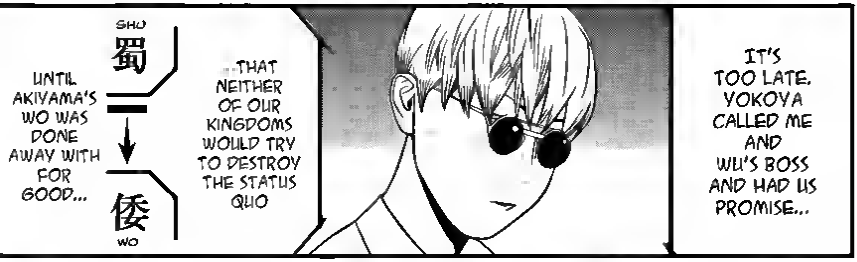
NO.
THEN, IN THE NEXT ONE?
THEY MADE NO MOVE AGAIN?
STILL NOTHING?

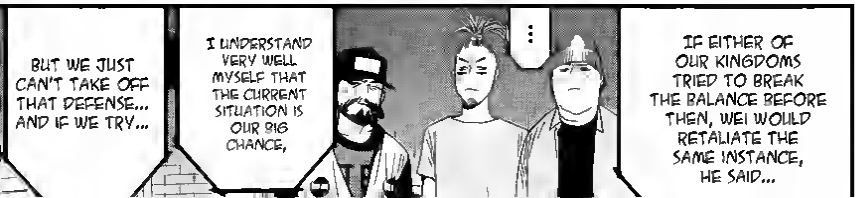
BUT WE HAVE SEEN VIA THE SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS THE PLAYERS COME TO THE REALIZATION AND GET READY TO MAKE THEIR MOVE...
EH?!
THEY WILL NOT MAKE THE MOVE YOU ARE EXPECTING FROM THEM IN THE NEXT ROUND OR ANY ROUND AFTER IT
I BELIEVE

YOKOYA TOOK COUNTER-MEASURES.
FOR ALL INTENTS AND PURPOSES, IT LOOKS LIKE RIGHT AFTER AKIYAMA'S KINGDOM HAD LAUNCHED THEIR ATTACK ON WU,

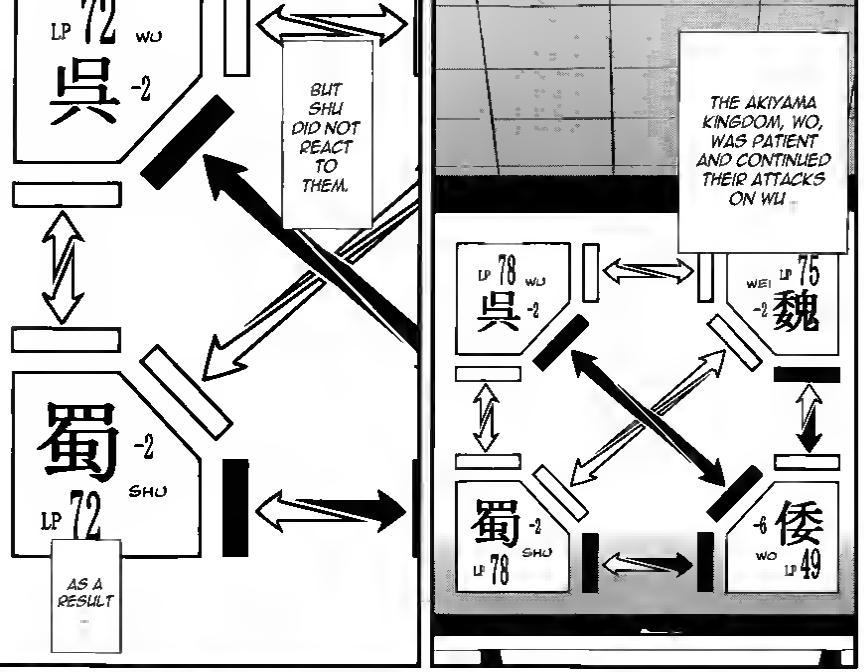
▶PLAY
LET'S REMOVE IT!!!
C'MON !!!
WE... CAN'T.
IT IS FROM 3 TURNS AGO AND DEPICTS THE MEMBERS OF SHU APPROACHING THEIR BOSS AND DEMANDING TO REMOVE THEIR KINGDOM'S DEFENSE AGAINST WO

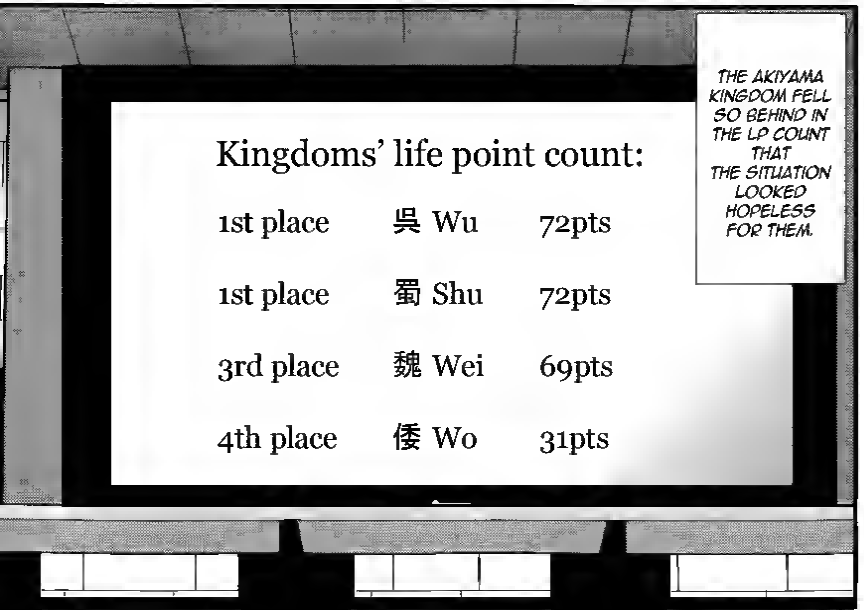

PLEASE LOOK AT THIS FOOTAGE.
YOKOYA DID?!

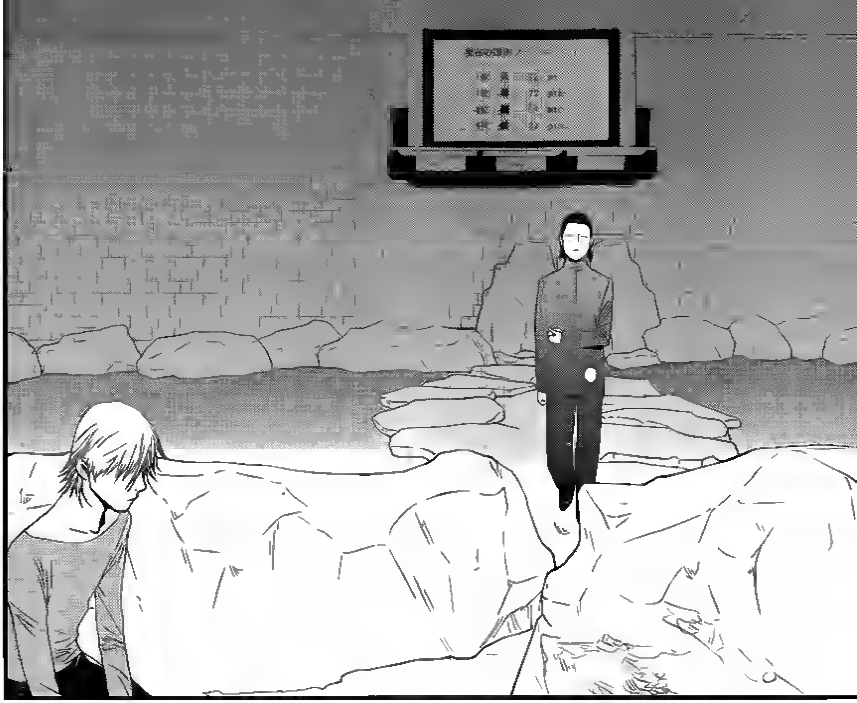

SHU
蜀
UNTIL AKIYAMA'S WO WAS DONE AWAY WITH FOR GOOD...
倭
WO
...THAT NEITHER OF OUR KINGDOMS WOULD TRY TO DESTROY THE STATUS QUO
IT'S TOO LATE. YOKOYA CALLED ME AND WU'S BOSS AND HAD US PROMISE...

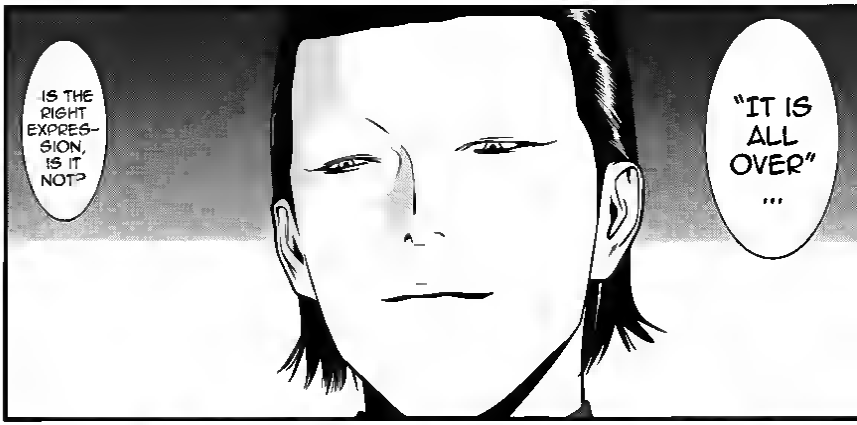

BUT WE JUST CAN'T TAKE OFF THAT DEFENSE... AND IF WE TRY...
I UNDERSTAND VERY WELL MYSELF THAT THE CURRENT SITUATION IS OUR BIG CHANCE,
IF EITHER OF OUR KINGDOMS TRIED TO BREAK THE BALANCE BEFORE THEN, WEI WOULD RETALIATE THE SAME INSTANCE, HE SAID...

YOKOYA WILL MERCILESSLY FINISH US OFF.
...
...
HE ENSURED THE DELICATE BALANCE BETWEEN WU AND SHU WOULDN'T BE BROKEN, HUH... WITH THIS, THERE'S NO OPENING FOR AKIYAMA TO EXPLOIT...
HE SURE RESPONDED IN NO TIME AT ALL...
I SEE NOW... WELL, THAT'S YOKOYA FOR YOU.
BUT THE GAME IS SET NOW.
IT'S A REAL PITY,
THE SITUATION REMAINED UNCHANGED
AFTER THAT,


LP 72 WU
呉 -2
BUT SHU DID NOT REACT TO THEM.
蜀 -2 SHU
LP 72
AS A RESULT
THE AKIYAMA KINGDOM, WO, WAS PATIENT AND CONTINUED THEIR ATTACKS ON WU
LP 78 WU
呉 -2
WEI LP 75
-2 魏
蜀 -2 SHU
LP 78
-6 倭 WO
LP 49


THE AKIYAMA KINGDOM FELL SO BEHIND IN THE LP COUNT THAT THE SITUATION LOOKED HOPELESS FOR THEM.
Kingdoms' life point count:
1st place 呉 Wu 72pts
1st place 蜀 Shu 72pts
3rd place 魏 Wei 69pts
4th place 倭 Wo 31pts




"IT IS ALL OVER" ...
IS THE RIGHT EXPRES-SION, IS IT NOT?

HMPH

SAY, YOKOYA
THE CHARACTERS FOR 魏 WEI AND 倭 WO ARE REALLY INTERESTING, DON'T YOU THINK?
HUH?
JUST LOOK AT THOSE KANJI REAL CLOSELY
THEY BOTH HAVE THE 委 CHARACTER IN THEM, WITH THE MEANING OF ENTRUSTING SOMETHING TO SOMEBODY, SEE?
NOW LOOK AT THE OTHER CHARACTERS COMPOSING THE KINGDOMS' NAMES
魏
WEI
YOUR WEI IS SPELT WITH THE KANJI FOR DEMON, 鬼, MAKING IT "ENTRUSTED TO A DEMON",
WHILE MY WO USES THE RADICAL FOR HUMAN, 亻, WITH THE NAME'S MEANING "ENTRUSTED TO A HUMAN".
HAH!
IT'S A COINCIDENCE, OF COURSE, BUT STILL, WHAT A SCATHING IRONY, DON'T YOU AGREE?
!?

WELL THEN, BETWEEN THE "KINGDOM ENTRUSTED TO A DEMON" AND THE "KINGDOM ENTRUSTED TO A HUMAN",
WHICH ONE WILL HAVE THE LAST LAUGH, IN YOUR OPINION, YOKOYA?
THE BUILDUP FOR THE FINAL FATEFUL SHOWDOWN!

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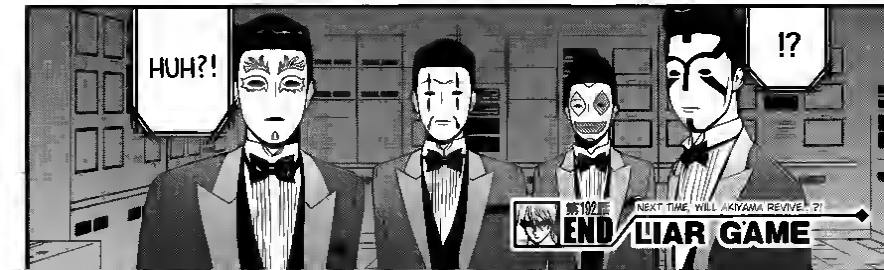
HUH?!
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NEXT TIME, WILL AKIYAMA REVIVE...?!
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THE MOTIVES OF THE TWO TO WHOM THE KINGDOMS ARE ENTRUSTED CROSS
BETWEEN THE "KINGDOM ENTRUSTED TO A DEMON" AND THE "KINGDOM ENTRUSTED TO A HUMAN",
WHICH ONE WILL HAVE THE LAST LAUGH?
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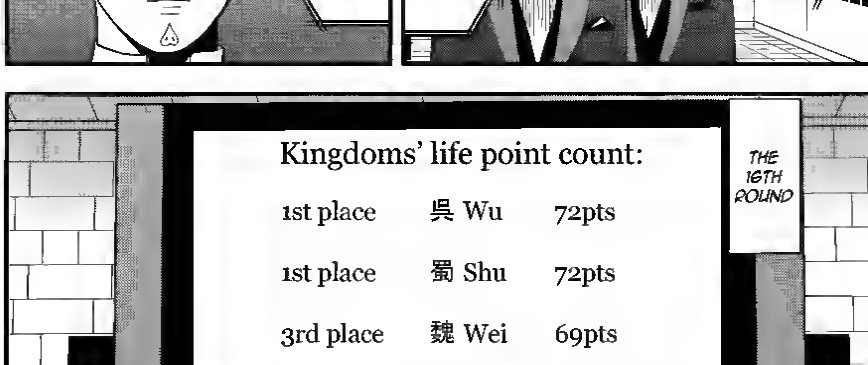
I SURE DID.
DID YOU HEAR THAT?
WHAT IS THE TRUE PURPOSE OF AKIYAMA'S DECLARATION?

LET'S WAIT AND SEE THEN.
KUKUKU SO THERE'S STILL SOME MOVE HE HAS YET TO USE, HUH?
I THOUGHT HE WAS DEPRESSED, BUT HE ACTUALLY IS BRIMMING WITH CONFIDENCE.


THE 16TH ROUND
Kingdoms' life point count:
1st place 呉 Wu 72pts
1st place 蜀 Shu 72pts
3rd place 魏 Wei 69pts
4th place 倭 Wo 31pts

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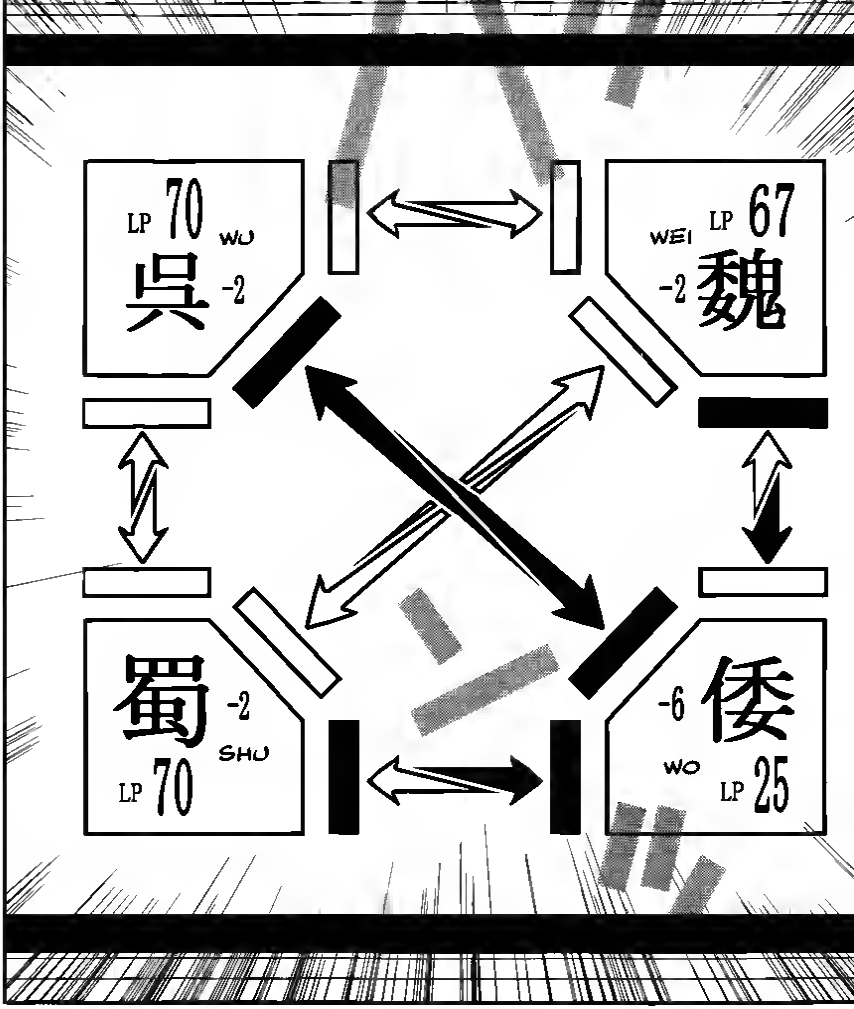
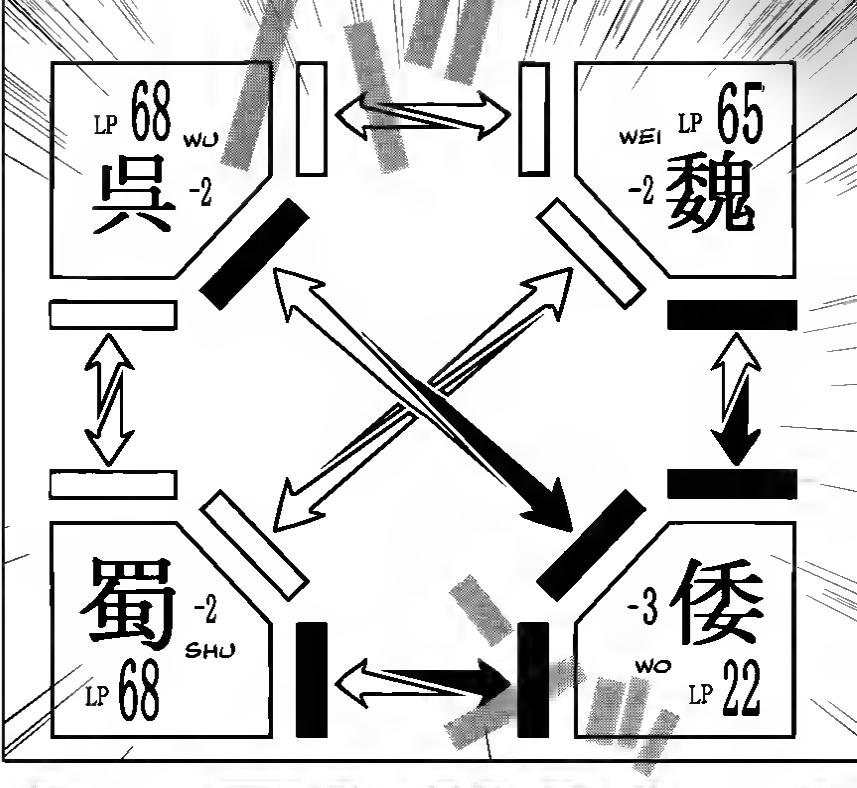
THE TIME IS UP!!!
!!!
KYA!!!
WHAT'S THE RESULT?
!!
BATTLE !!!
LET US MOVE ON TO...
YOU HAD ENOUGH TIME TO INPUT YOUR ACTIONS.

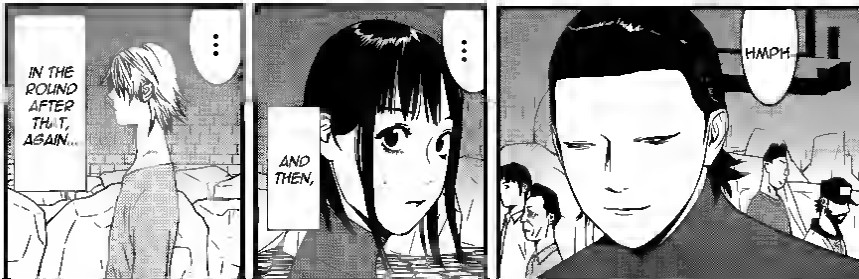

LP 70
WU
呉
-2
WEI
LP 67
-2
魏
蜀
-2
SHU
LP 70
-6
倭
WO
LP 25

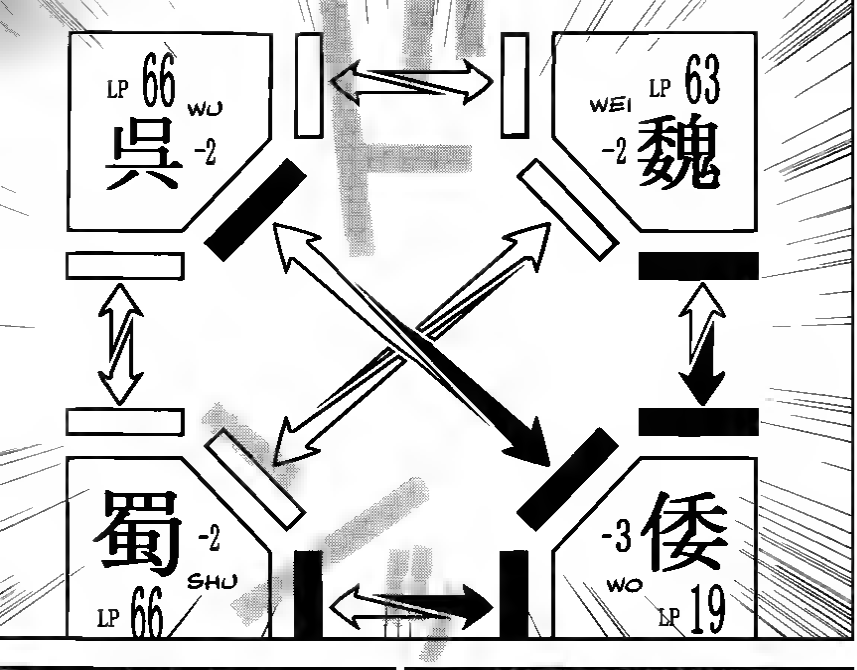
NOTHING CHANGED, AND AKIYAMA'S KINGDOM IS STILL GETTING PULVERIZED?
HUH?
?

NO, NO. AKIYAMA SOUNDED SO CONFIDENT IN HIS CONVERSATION WITH YOKOYA THAT HE IS BOUND TO HAVE SOMETHING UP HIS SLEEVE.
YES, I AGREE.
THEY ARE USELESS, AND REALLY, HE SHOULD HAVE REALIZED THAT MUCH ALREADY...
AND THEY'RE STILL CONTINUING WITH THOSE ATTACKS ON WU, TOO.
LP 70
呉
-2
蜀
-2
SHO
LP 70
-5
倭
WO
LP 25
...
AND SO...
IN THE NEXT, 17TH, ROUND...
!!
!!
BATTLE !!!


LP 68
WU
呉
-2
WEI
LP 65
-2
魏
蜀
-2
SHU
LP 68
-3
倭
WO
LP 22

AKIYAMA IS STILL TAKING A WHOLE LOT OF DAMAGE...
WO STOPPED THEIR ATTACKS ON WU, BUT...


IN THE ROUND AFTER THAT, AGAIN...
...
AND THEN,
...
HMPH.


LP 66
WU
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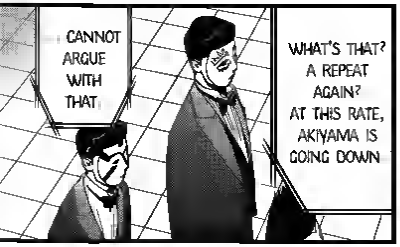
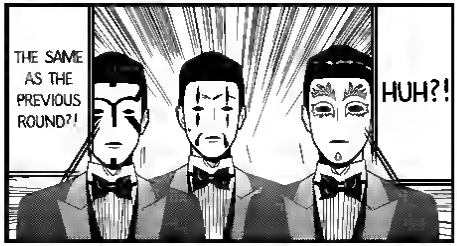
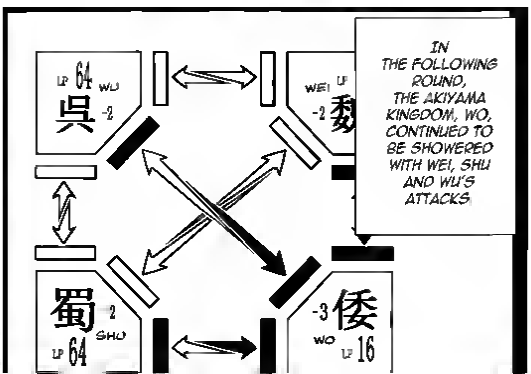

CANNOT ARGUE WITH THAT.
WHAT'S THAT? A REPEAT AGAIN? AT THIS RATE, AKIYAMA IS GOING DOWN.


THE SAME AS THE PREVIOUS ROUND?!
HUH?!

AS A RESULT—


IN THE FOLLOWING ROUND, THE AKIYAMA KINGDOM, WO, CONTINUED TO BE SHOWERED WITH WEI, SHU AND WU'S ATTACKS.
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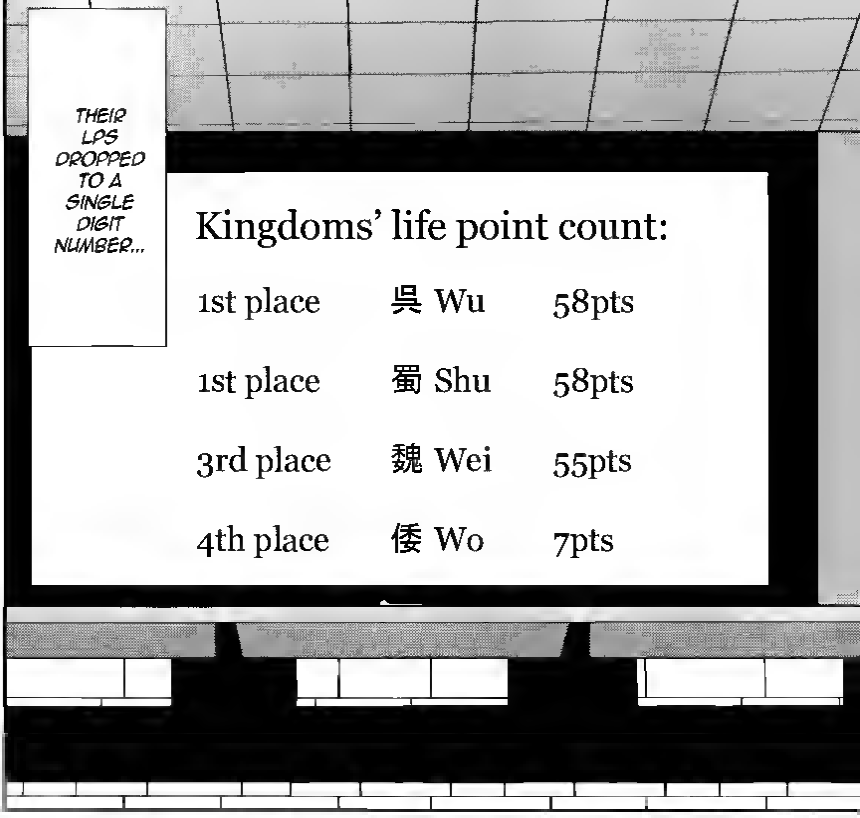
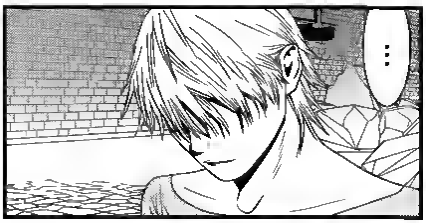
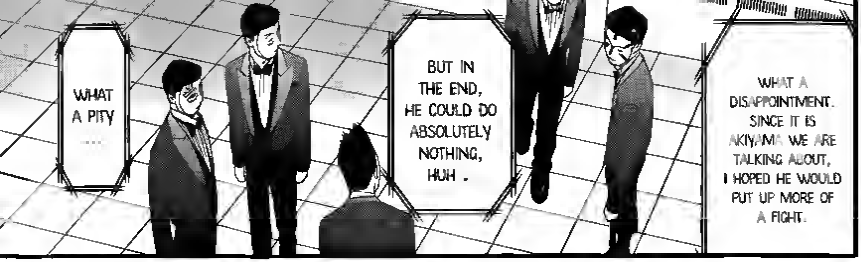

THEIR LPS DROPPED TO A SINGLE DIGIT NUMBER...
Kingdoms' life point count:
1st place 呉 Wu 58pts
1st place 蜀 Shu 58pts
3rd place 魏 Wei 55pts
4th place 倭 Wo 7pts


...

KUU KUU KUU KU!
KUU.

HE MIGHT HAVE THOUGHT THAT A CONFIDENTLY SOUNDING CLAIM LIKE THAT WOULD SHAKE YOKOYA.
MAYBE.
SO AKIYAMA'S COCKY DECLARATION WAS NOTHING MORE THAN A BLUFF?
WHAT THE HELL


WHAT A PITY ....
BUT IN THE END, HE COULD DO ABSOLUTELY NOTHING, HUH .
WHAT A DISAPPOINTMENT. SINCE IT IS AKIYAMA WE ARE TALKING ABOUT, I HOPED HE WOULD PUT UP MORE OF A FIGHT.

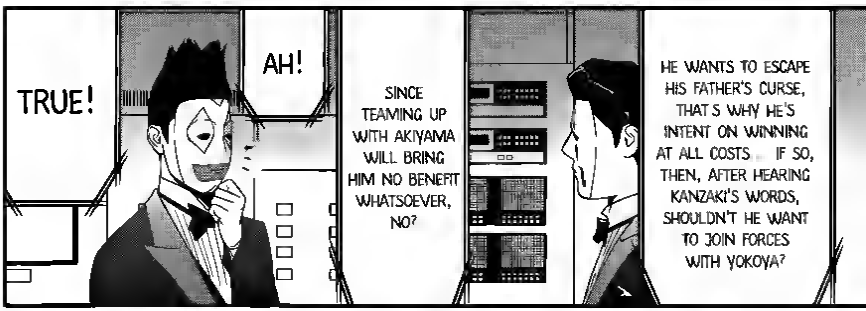
...TO HAVE THE AKIYAMA KINGDOM, WO, WIN!
THERE IS A WAY TO SAVE EVERYBODY, AND THAT IS...
YOKOYA SEIZED THE INITIATIVE AND HAS BEEN DOMINATING THROUGHOUT THE GAME SINCE THE PRELIMINARY ROUND. MOREOVER, THE MOVE THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO TURN THE TIDES WAS THAT UNDERWHELMING SUGGESTION OF KANZAKI'S
COME TO THINK OF IT, NOT ONCE HAS AKIYAMA HAD THE EDGE IN THIS FINAL.

WHO IS FROM A VERY RICH FAMILY
AMONG THE PLAYERS THERE IS A PERSON OTHER THAN YOKOYA-SAN
THAT WON'T COVER ALL THE PLAYERS' DEBTS!
HUH
THAT IS OK.
THE MEMBERS OF WO PROMISED THAT AFTER PAYING OFF THEIR OWN DEBTS, THEY WOULD USE ALL THE REMAINING MONEY TO SETTLE THE DEBTS OF THE OTHER PLAYERS.

THAT SUGGESTION IN AND OF ITSELF WAS A BIG FAILURE.
TO START WITH,
THAT WAY, NO ONE WILL BE SOLD ON THE BLACK MARKET!
EVEN IF THAT PERSON LOSES, HIS FATHER IS SURE TO PAY OFF HIS DEBTS. AS SUCH, WE WILL ALSO HAVE HIM PAY FOR HIS SON'S TEAMMATES.

◀ Wu ▶
◀ Shu ▶
SINCE IT'S ASSUMED THAT BY AKIYAMA'S WINNING THAT RICH PLAYER WILL BECOME A LOSER, HE IS LIKELY TO BE ONE OF THE 8 MEMBERS OF SHU AND WU.
AH, I FEEL THE SAME!

IF I CAN GAIN A FEW HUNDRED MILLION OF MY OWN, MY FATHER WON'T BE ABLE TO INTERFERE WITH ME ANY LONGER."
THAT PERSON SAID, "MY FATHER ALWAYS LOOKS DOWN ON ME, TREATING ME AS A ROOKIE, BUT I'M SICK AND TIRED OF IT.
BUT FROM WHAT KANZAKI SAID, THAT RICH SCION WANTS TO WIN, NO?

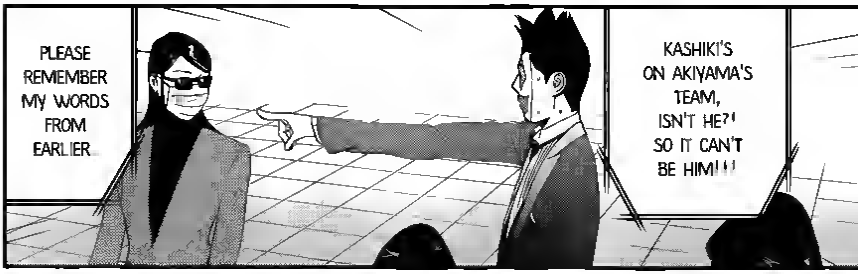

TRUE!
AH!
SINCE TEAMING UP WITH AKIYAMA WILL BRING HIM NO BENEFIT WHATSOEVER, NO?
HE WANTS TO ESCAPE HIS FATHER'S CURSE, THAT'S WHY HE'S INTENT ON WINNING AT ALL COSTS... IF SO, THEN, AFTER HEARING KANZAKI'S WORDS, SHOULDN'T HE WANT TO JOIN FORCES WITH YOKOYA?

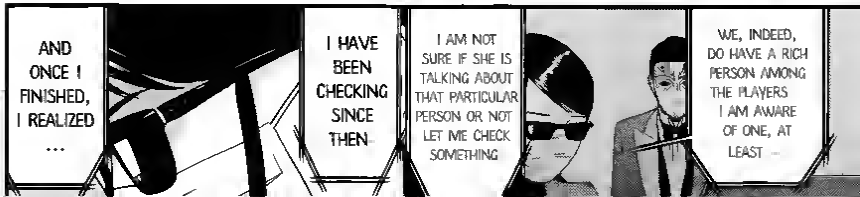
YOU ARE MIS-TAKEN.
I BELIEVE
AN THE VERY END, HE SLIPPED, HUH...
AHHH, WHAT A PAINFUL MISTAKE ON AKIYAMA'S PART!

HUH?
UNTIL JUST A WHILE AGO, I WAS UNDER THE SAME IMPRESSION AS ALL OF YOU.
I THOUGHT THAT AKIYAMA IS HOPELESSLY LOSING THIS BATTLE, BEING PUSHED AND BEATEN BY YOKOYA...
BUT NOW I AM SURE IT IS NOT SO.
IT IS YOKOYA WHO IS BEING DECEIVED HERE.
AND ...
ALL OF US, AS WELL.
HUH?!
YOKOYA IS BEING DECEIVED, YOU SAY?!
...ALONG WITH ALL OF US?!
JUST WHAT ON EARTH DO YOU MEAN?!
WELL, TAKE KANZAKI'S PLAN FOR THE CERTAIN WIN, FOR EXAMPLE
WHO DO YOU THINK IS THAT RICH SON SHE WAS TALKING ABOUT?
HM.. NO SLIGHTEST IDEA...
SPEAKING OF, YOU DID SAY YOU KNOW HIS IDENTITY, RIGHT? SO WHO IS IT?

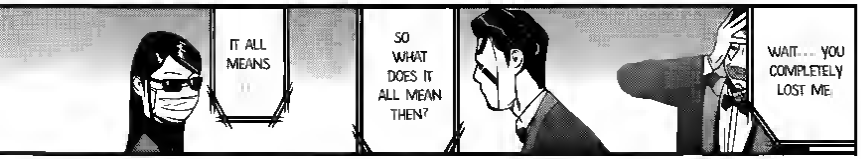
IT IS KASHIKI YUUYA.

HOW CAN IT BE KASHIKI?! IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
... NO, WAIT A MINUTE!
AAH?! KASHIKI YUUYA?!


PLEASE REMEMBER MY WORDS FROM EARLIER.
KASHIKI'S ON AKIYAMA'S TEAM, ISN'T HE?! SO IT CAN'T BE HIM!!!

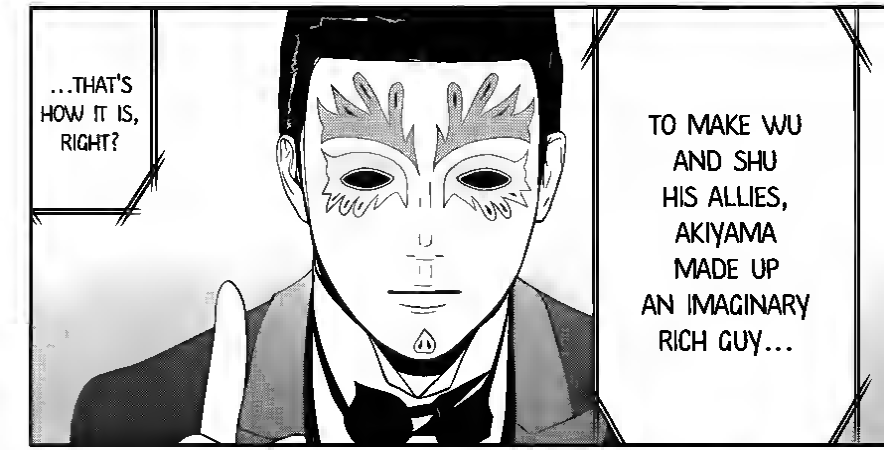

AND ONCE I FINISHED, I REALIZED ...
I HAVE BEEN CHECKING SINCE THEN.
I AM NOT SURE IF SHE IS TALKING ABOUT THAT PARTICULAR PERSON OR NOT LET ME CHECK SOMETHING
WE, INDEED, DO HAVE A RICH PERSON AMONG THE PLAYERS I AM AWARE OF ONE, AT LEAST -

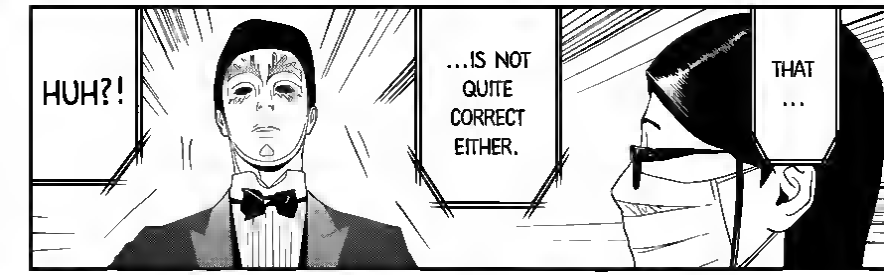
EEEE-EEH?!
NONE OF THE 8 MEMBERS OF WU AND SHU ARE RICH.


IT ALL MEANS ...
SO WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN THEN?
WAIT... YOU COMPLETELY LOST ME.

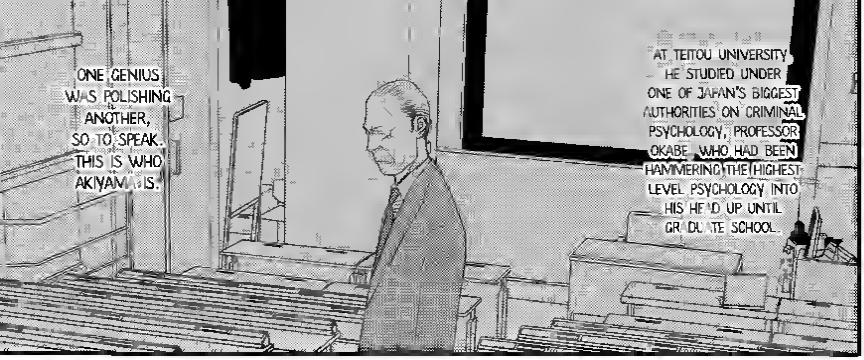
EEEE-EEH?!
KANZAKI'S SUREFIRE PLAN TO WIN IS NOTHING MORE THAN A MADE UP STORY.

I GOT IT! TO PUT IT SIMPLY...
WAIT, WAIT, I STILL DON'T GET IT. SO WHAT WE HAVE NOW?

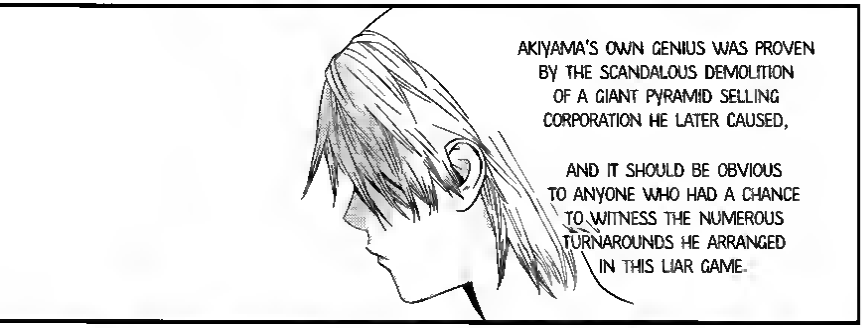

...THAT'S HOW IT IS, RIGHT?
TO MAKE WU AND SHU HIS ALLIES, AKIYAMA MADE UP AN IMAGINARY RICH GUY...


HUH?!
...IS NOT QUITE CORRECT EITHER.
THAT ...

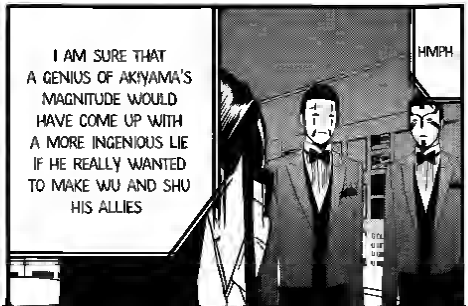
BEING FROM A POOR FAMILY, HE IS SOMEONE WHO MANAGED TO GET ACCEPTED TO THE ELITE UNIVERSITY, TEITO, ON THE FIRST TRY PURELY ON HIS BRAINS
THINK BACK TO WHAT KIND OF PERSON AKIYAMA IS.


ONE GENIUS WAS POLISHING ANOTHER, SO TO SPEAK. THIS IS WHO AKIYAMA IS.
AT TEITOU UNIVERSITY, HE STUDIED UNDER ONE OF JAPAN'S BIGGEST AUTHORITIES ON CRIMINAL PSYCHOLOGY, PROFESSOR OKABE, WHO HAD BEEN HAMMERING THE HIGHEST LEVEL PSYCHOLOGY INTO HIS HEAD UP UNTIL GRADUATE SCHOOL.

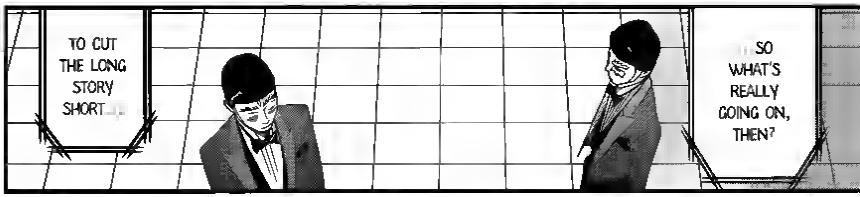
I MYSELF MAJORED IN PSYCHOLOGY, SO YOU CAN TAKE MY WORD FOR IT- HE IS SOMEONE WHO IS ADMIRED BY EVERYONE WHO STUDIES PSYCHOLOGY
YES, HE IS. HE IS ONE OF THE BEST, IF NOT THE BEST, CRIMINAL PSYCHOLOGIST IN THE COUNTRY.
THAT PROFESSOR OKABE REALLY IS SO GREAT?

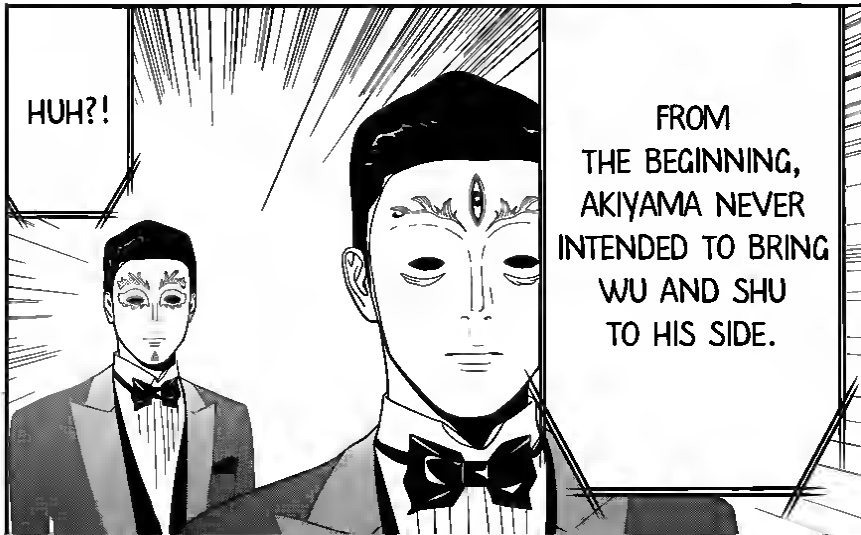

AKIYAMA'S OWN GENIUS WAS PROVEN BY THE SCANDALOUS DEMOLITION OF A GIANT PYRAMID SELLING CORPORATION HE LATER CAUSED,
AND IT SHOULD BE OBVIOUS TO ANYONE WHO HAD A CHANCE TO WITNESS THE NUMEROUS TURNAROUNDS HE ARRANGED IN THIS LIAR GAME.

...AND THAT JUST DOES NOT MAKE SENSE TO ME.
BUT THE PLAN KANZAKI VOICED IS TOO CLUMSY, TOO FULL OF HOLES.


I AM SURE THAT A GENIUS OF AKIYAMA'S MAGNITUDE WOULD HAVE COME UP WITH A MORE INGENIOUS LIE IF HE REALLY WANTED TO MAKE WU AND SHU HIS ALLIES
HMPH

KURIFUJI-SAN.
I AM OF THE SAME OPINION AS YOU.
LERONIRA!


SO WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON, THEN?
TO CUT THE LONG STORY SHORT...

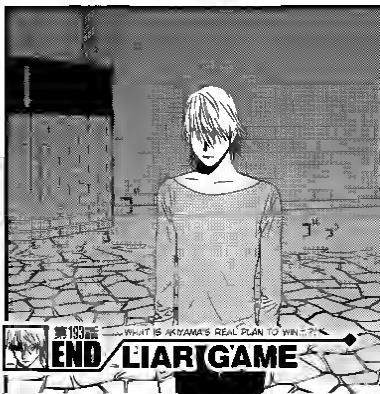

FROM THE BEGINNING, AKIYAMA NEVER INTENDED TO BRING WU AND SHU TO HIS SIDE.
HUH?!

THE STORY ABOUT A RICH PLAYER AKIYAMA CONCOCTED... IS...
SO WHAT DOES THAT ALL MEAN?
WHOA!!! NOW I REALLY HAVE NO IDEA WHAT IS GOING ON ANYMORE!
!!
...A TRAP.
I AM NOT SURE WHAT ACTION EXACTLY, BUT THE MOMENT YOKOYA LANDS HIMSELF WHERE AKIYAMA WANTS HIM
BY PRESENTING A PLAN INTENTIONALLY FULL OF HOLES, HE WAS PUSHING YOKOYA TO TAKE A CERTAIN ACTION

IN OTHER WORDS, HIS REAL PLAN TO WIN WILL BE PUT IN ACTION.
AKIYAMA WILL BITE, HARD.

...PLAN TO WIN ...?
...REAL...

THIS MAN WILL NOT GO DOWN WITHOUT A FIGHT...!!


第193話 END ...WHAT IS AKIYAMA'S REAL PLAN TO WIN...?
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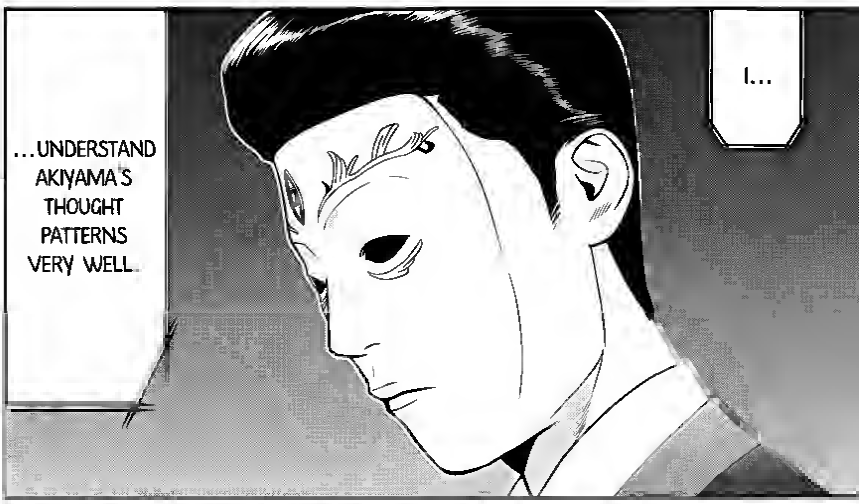
BUT EVERYTHING WAS A TRAP ...?
I THOUGHT HE WAS GETTING BEATEN BLACK AND BLUE...

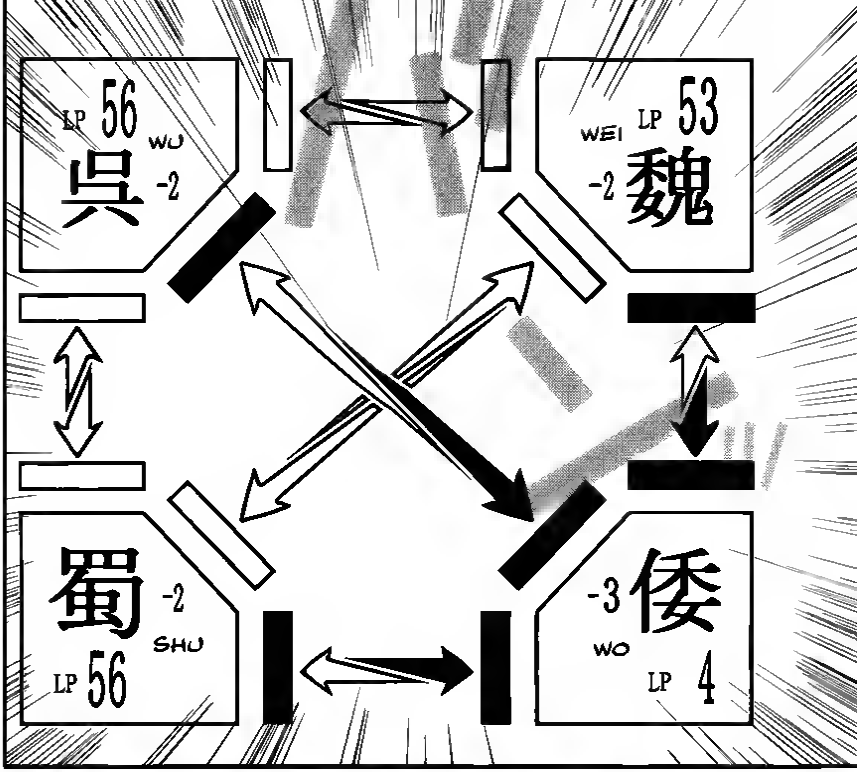
MORE OR LESS.
YES, I GRASPED THE GIST OF IT.
LERONIRA-SAN, YOU FIGURED OUT AKIYAMA'S PLAN, DID YOU NOT?


...UNDERSTAND AKIYAMA'S THOUGHT PATTERNS VERY WELL.
I...

...?
...

!?
I ALSO FIGURED OUT AKIYAMA'S PLAN!
AH!

LET'S WATCH THIS GAME'S PROGRESSION FOR A BIT LONGER.
NOT SO FAST.
FU FU FU.
SO WHAT IS HIS PLAN?
REALLY?!
THE TIME IS UP!
BATTLE !!!
SO NOW ...
...
I SEE ALL THE TEAMS HAVE FINISHED INPUTTING THEIR ACTIONS.
!?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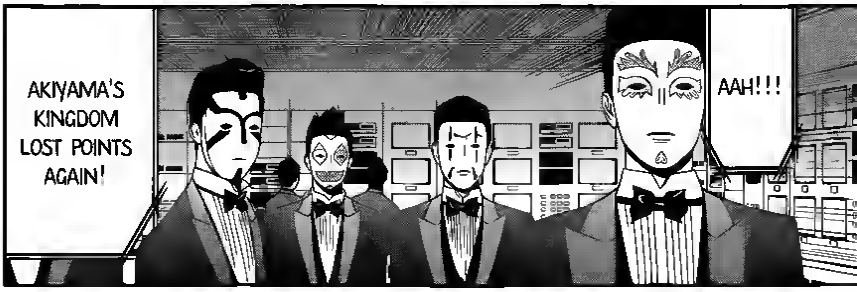
AKIYAMA'S KINGDOM LOST POINTS AGAIN!
AAH!!!

IN THE NEXT ROUND
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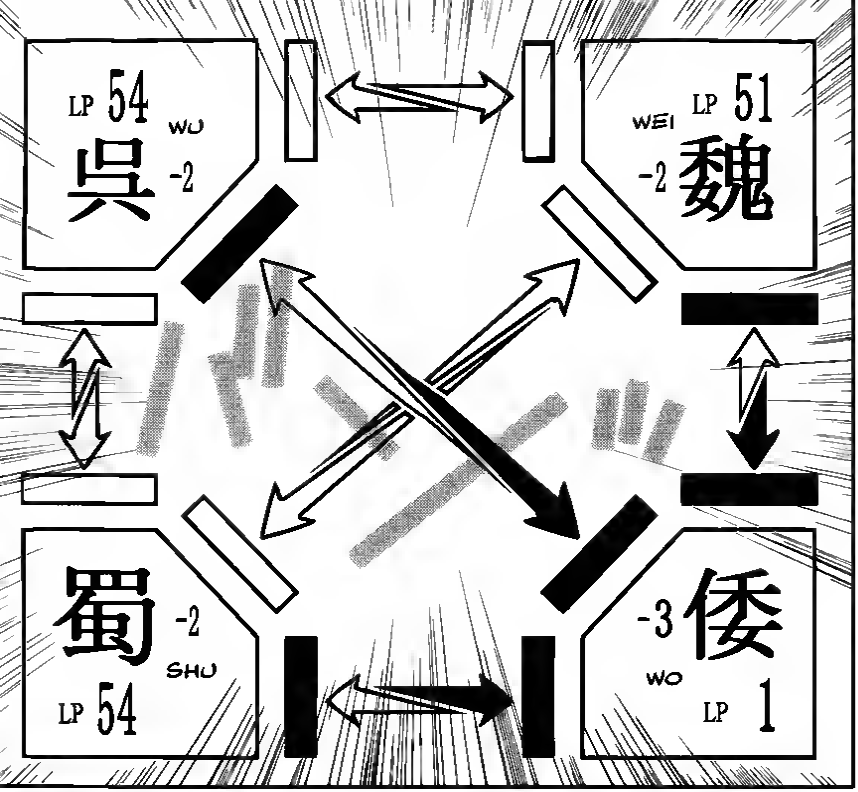
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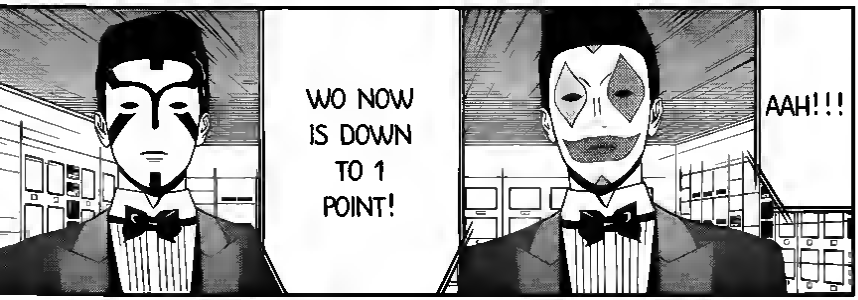
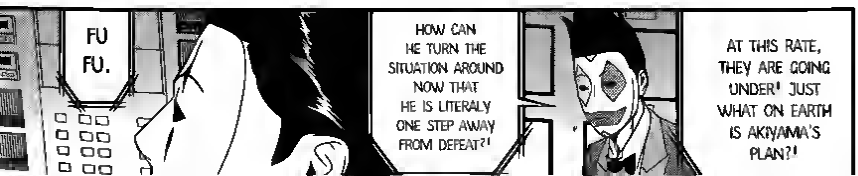
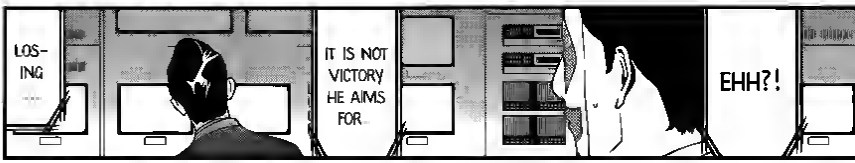

WO NOW IS DOWN TO 1 POINT!
AAH!!!


FU FU.
HOW CAN HE TURN THE SITUATION AROUND NOW THAT HE IS LITERALY ONE STEP AWAY FROM DEFEAT?!
AT THIS RATE, THEY ARE GOING UNDER! JUST WHAT ON EARTH IS AKIYAMA'S PLAN?!

HIS KINGDOM IS GOING TO LOSE.
HE HAS NO PLANS TO TURN IT AROUND.


LOS-ING...
IT IS NOT VICTORY HE AIMS FOR.
EHH?!

WH-WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
FROM THE BEGINNING, WHAT YOKOYA WANTS TO DO IS TO TAKE DOWN AKIYAMA'S KINGDOM, THEN MAKE HIS OWN LOSE, THUS SINKING BOTH AKIYAMA AND KANZAKI.

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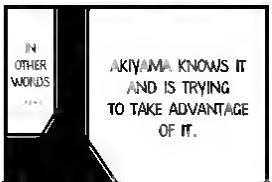
IN OTHER WORDS...
AKIYAMA KNOWS IT AND IS TRYING TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT.

...IS PART OF HIS PLAN.

AKIYAMA'S ACTUAL GOAL IS

TO MAKE YOKOYA'S KINGDOM, WEI, WIN.

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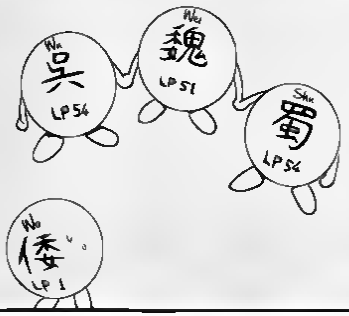
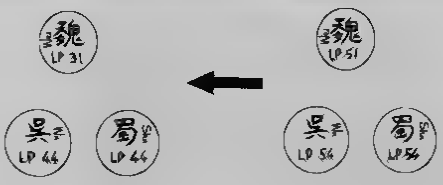
I SHALL EXPLAIN.

AS OF NOW, WEI, WU AND SHU ARE ALLIED WITH EACH OTHER IN ORDER TO SINK WO.

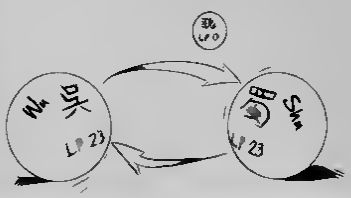


AS SUCH, WO WILL LOSE, WITHOUT FAIL.



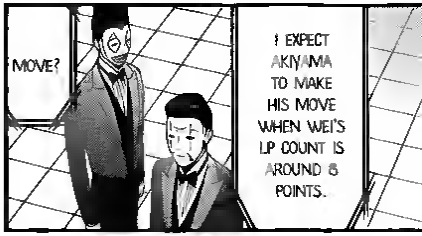
AFTER WO IS ELIMINATED, WEI IS SUPPOSED TO LOSE NEXT. FOR THAT, ACCORDING TO THE THREE'S AGREEMENT, IT WILL BE GOING DOWN WHILE MAINTAINING THE BALANCE BETWEEN WU AND SHU.

THIS IS HOW THE PLAN YOKOYA DEVICED GOES.



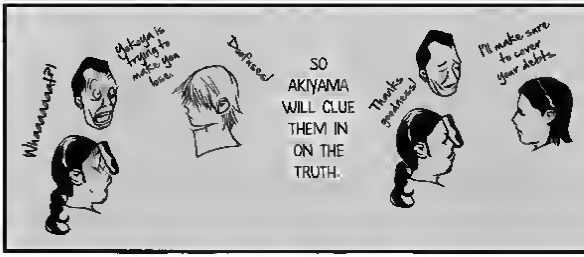
THE MOMENT WEI LOSES WILL BECOME THE STARTING SIGNAL FOR THE DUEL BETWEEN WU AND SHU... IF WU OR SHU WINS, NEITHER AKIYAMA NOR KANZAKI WILL BE ABLE TO ESCAPE BEING AMONG LOSERS.

YES. HE WILL GET IN TOUCH WITH WEI'S OOTSUKA AND WADA.



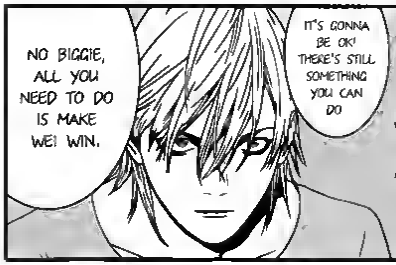
MOVE?

I EXPECT AKIYAMA TO MAKE HIS MOVE WHEN WEI'S LP COUNT IS AROUND 8 POINTS.



SO AKIYAMA WILL CLUE THEM IN ON THE TRUTH.

TO START WITH, THEY WERE TRICKED INTO BELIEVING YOKOYA'S SWEET LIES, NOT KNOWING THAT HE IS GOING TO CAST THEM AWAY IN THE END



NO BIGGIE, ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS MAKE WEI WIN.

IT'S GONNA BE OK! THERE'S STILL SOMETHING YOU CAN DO

THAT IS WHEN AKIYAMA WILL GIVE THEM A HELPING HAND

OF COURSE, THEY WILL BE SHOCKED AND DESPERATE

FOR THAT

YES, IT IS

IS THAT EVEN POSSIBLE FOR WEI TO TURN THE GAME AROUND AND WIN IN THAT SITUATION?!

EH?!

...SIMPLY NEED TO BOYCOTT THE GENERAL'S DUTY.
OOTSUKA AND WADA...
EVERY-THING!
WAIT A MINUTE WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH PROVIDING WEI WITH A CHANCE TO WIN?
TRUE! YOKOKYA WILL BE IN TROUBLE IF BOTH FORELOCK AND WADA BOYCOTT BEING THE GENERAL!
AH! I SEE! IN THIS GAME, THE BOSS' HANDS ARE TIED IF HE HAS NO GENERAL TO INPUT HIS BATTLE STRATEGIES FOR HIM!
//
ALL BECAUSE WEI'S MEMBERS FOUND OUT THAT YOKOYA IS TRYING TO MAKE HIS OWN TEAM LOSE.
THERE'S AN INTERNAL STRIFE IN WEI,
FOR EXAMPLE, IMAGINE AKIYAMA GETTTING IN TOUCH WITH WU'S BOSS AND SAYING— SOMETHING LIKE THIS—
FOR REAL?! YOU SURE?!
JUMP
!?
FORELOCK AND WADA GOT PREDICTABLY MAD AND ARE REFUSING TO CARRY OUT THE GENERAL'S DUTIES

NAMELY NOTHING AT ALL, NO OFFENSE OR DEFENSE.
IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME, WHY DON'T YOU SEE FOR YOURSELF JUST WHAT WEI IS GONNA DO IN THE NEXT ROUND -
IT'S HELPLESS NOW, REDUCED TO AN EASY PREY YOU CAN KILL ANYTIME-
YEAH
.. FROM NOW ON, WEI WON'T ATTACK ANYONE OR EVEN DEFEND ITSELF...?
...YOU MEAN...
TO LET THAT EITHER SHU OR YOUR WU BE THE WINNER IN THE END... AND FOR THAT, YOU'RE MAINTAINING THE POWER BALANCE UNTIL WU AND SHU ARE THE ONLY KINGDOMS STILL STANDING.. AND...
We're going to maintain this balance till Wei loses!
魏 Wei -2
蜀 Shu -1
呉 Wu -1
I KNOW YOU GUYS HAVE A THREE-WAY PACT BETWEEN YOU,
Right on the money, yes.
SOMETHING ALONG THESE LINES NO?
WEI THREATHENED TO ATTACK THE VIOLATOR THE SAME INSTANCE IF EITHER OF YOUR TWO KINGDOMS TRIED TO BREAK THE STATUS QUO.
...WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
YEAH, WELL... WEI'S NO LONGER IN A POSITION TO ENFORCE ANYTHING ON ANYONE

I MEAN THAT THIS IS YOUR CHANCE. YOU GET A FREE PASS, WITH NO PUNISHMENT INCOMING, EVEN IF YOU WERE TO DEAL A PREEMPTIVE STIKE TO SHU RIGHT NOW.
IT'S GONNA BE A SHOWDOWN BETWEEN SHU AND YOUR WU FOR VICTORY IN THE END, NO? THEN SHOULDN'T YOU STRIKE FIRST AND GAIN SOME ADVANTAGE BEFORE THAT?
!!
AND IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO ACT.
IF IN THE NEXT ROUND WEI TAKES NO ACTIONS, IT WILL PROVE THAT EVERYTHING I SAID IS TRUE,
AS SUCH...
CONFIRMING THAT WEI REALLY MADE NO MOVE AT ALL.
WEI
LP 8
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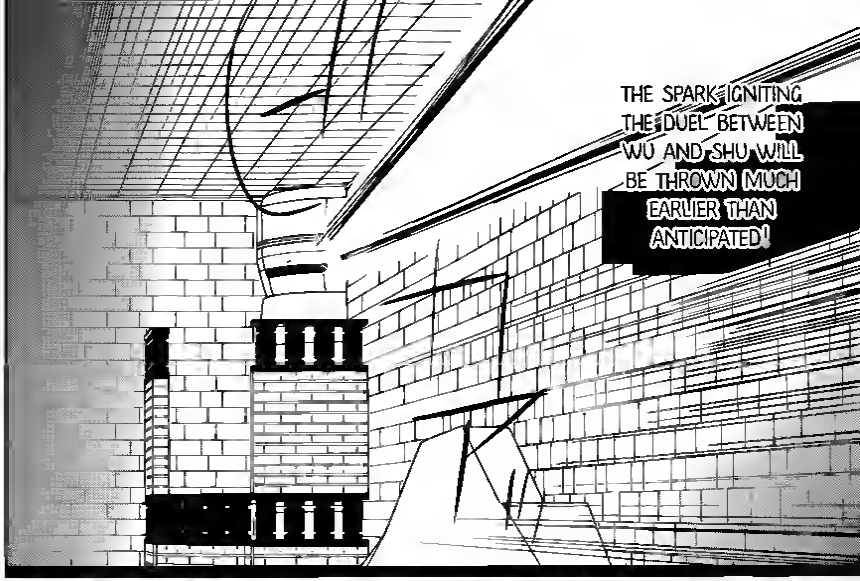
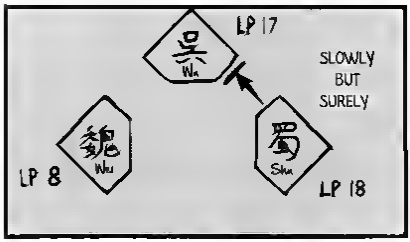
魏
I EXPECT WU'S MEMBERS TO BE ONLY HALF-CONVINCED, WITH SOME DOUBTS STILL REMAINING, WHEN THEY SEE THE RESULTS OF THE NEXT ROUND,
JUMP


THE SPARK IGNITING THE DUEL BETWEEN WU AND SHU WILL BE THROWN MUCH EARLIER THAN ANTICIPATED!

WILL START A FIERCE WAR BETWEEN THEM
WU AND SHU STRIKING AT EACH OTHER SIMULTANEOUSLY
KNOWING AKIYAMA, I AM SURE HE WILL ALSO TELL SHU THE EXACT SAME THING HE TOLD WU.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呉 Wu
SLOWLY BUT SURELY
魏 Wei
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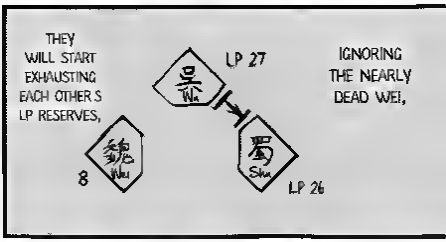
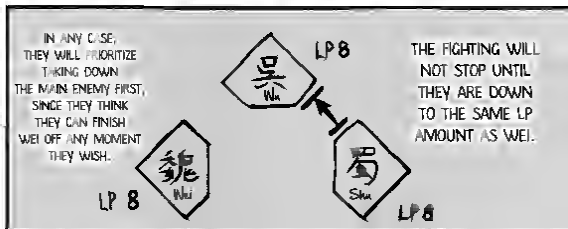
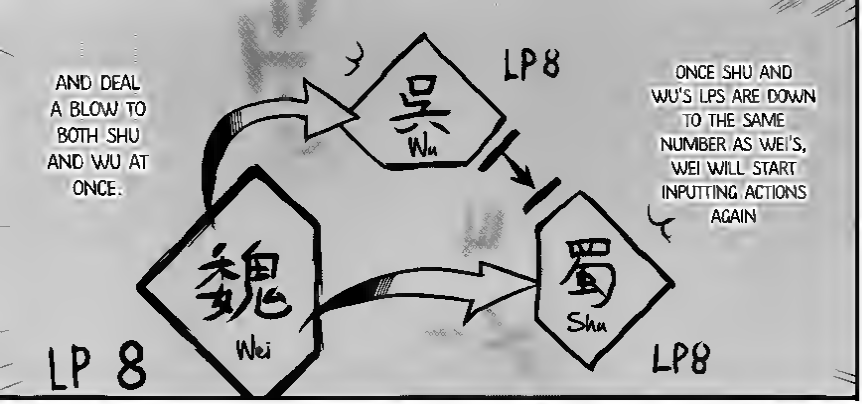
蜀 Shu
LP 18


THEY WILL START EXHAUSTING EACH OTHER'S LP RESERVES,
LP 27
呉 Wu
IGNORING THE NEARLY DEAD WEI,
魏 Wei
8
蜀 Shu
LP 26

THAT WEI WILL BE WAITING FOR.
AND THIS IS THE PRECISE MOMENT


IN ANY CASE, THEY WILL PRIORITIZE TAKING DOWN THE MAIN ENEMY FIRST, SINCE THEY THINK THEY CAN FINISH WEI OFF ANY MOMENT THEY WISH.
LP 8
呉 Wu
THE FIGHTING WILL NOT STOP UNTIL THEY ARE DOWN TO THE SAME LP AMOUNT AS WEI.
魏 Wei
LP 8
蜀 Shu
LP 8


AND DEAL A BLOW TO BOTH SHU AND WU AT ONCE.
LP8
吳
Wu
ONCE SHU AND WU'S LPS ARE DOWN TO THE SAME NUMBER AS WEI'S, WEI WILL START INPUTTING ACTIONS AGAIN
魏
Wei
蜀
Shu
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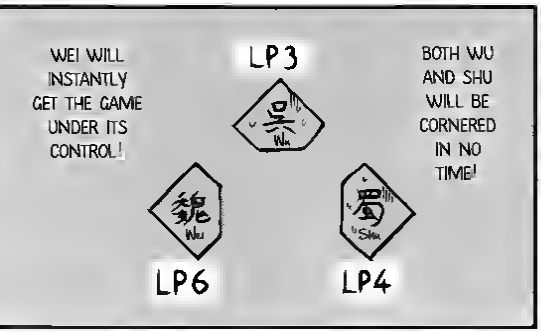
LP8


WEI WILL INSTANTLY GET THE GAME UNDER ITS CONTROL!
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Wu
BOTH WU AND SHU WILL BE CORNERED IN NO TIME!
魏
Wei
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Shu
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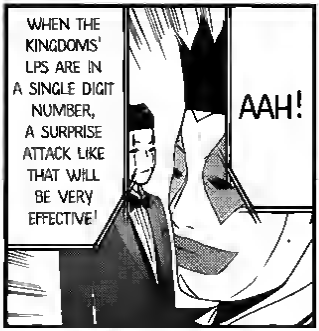
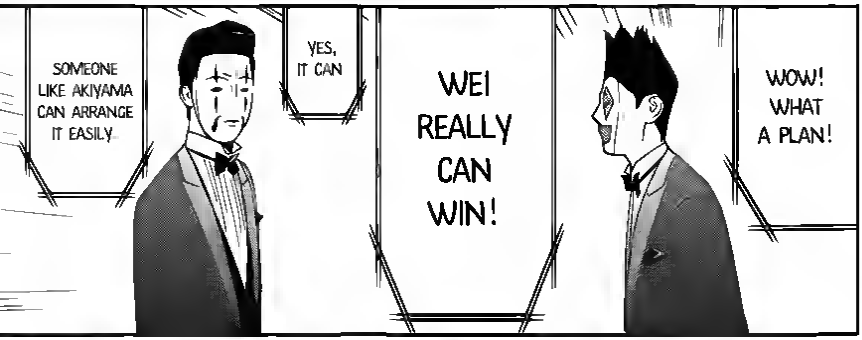
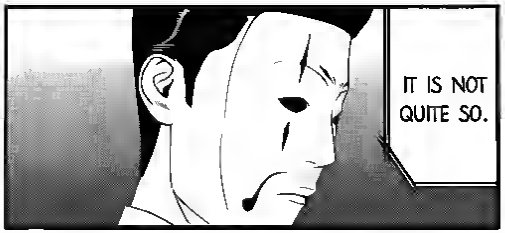
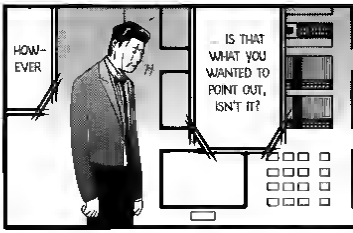

WHEN THE KINGDOMS' LPS ARE IN A SINGLE DIGIT NUMBER, A SURPRISE ATTACK LIKE THAT WILL BE VERY EFFECTIVE!
AAH!


SOMEONE LIKE AKIYAMA CAN ARRANGE IT EASILY.
YES, IT CAN
WEI REALLY CAN WIN!
WOW! WHAT A PLAN!

BUT THERE'S STILL A PROBLEM.
HOLD IT! I GOT HOW WEI COULD WIN IN THAT SITUATION ALRIGHT.
WOW! AWESOME!

"AKIYAMA AND KANZAKI STRIVE TO SAVE ALL THE PLAYERS.
AND THEY CAN'T MAKE THAT IDEAL SCENARIO COME TRUE JUST BY ARRANGING WEI'S WIN!"


IT IS NOT QUITE SO.


HOW-EVER
... IS THAT WHAT YOU WANTED TO POINT OUT, ISN'T IT?

ONCE WEI WINS AS AKIYAMA WANTS IT, I SURMISE AKIYAMA AND YOKOYA WILL HAVE A CONVERSATION ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES
YOKO-YA
YOU LOSE.
I?

WHAT YOU WANTED TO ACHIEVE WAS TAKE DOWN BOTH ME AND KANZAKI.
BUT...

NOW, YOKOYA, WE BOTH KNOW IT'S NOT TRUE, NO?
IT IS YOU ARE THE LOSER, WHILE I AM THE WINNER, WHO ACHIEVED COMPLETE VICTORY
HUH? WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? MY WEI HAS WON, HAS IT NOT?

...SIMPLY PUT, IT MEANS BOTH ME AND KANZAKI WILL GET OUT OF IT SAFELY, DESPITE YOUR BEST EFFORTS.
SHE SAYS SHE'LL ALSO SAVE ME BY COVERING MY DEBTS OUT OF THE DOZENS HUNDREDS OF MILLION SHE GOT AS THE PRIZE MONEY
WEI'S WIN SAVED KANZAKI, AND...
IT'S YOUR SOUND DEFEAT, THROUGH AND THROUGH.
YOU COMPLETELY FAILED TO MEET ANY OF YOUR GOALS.
I'M NOT THAT NICE A PERSON
THAT'S KANZAKI NAO'S WISH, NOT MINE
...THAT YOU AND KANZAKI WERE GOING TO SAVE ALL THE PLAYERS HERE? SO IT IS YOU WHO FAILED TO MEET YOUR GOAL.
NO, IT IS NOT. DID YOU FORGET...
WHAT ABOUT YOU, THOUGH?
WELL, LUCKILY, WE CAN FIGURE SOMETHING OUT FOR THE MEMBERS OF MY WO WITH KANZAKI NAO'S PRIZE MONEY, SO MY MINIMUM RESPONSIBILITIES ARE FULFILLED.
//
NO REASON TO SAVE THEM ANY MORE, I'LL JUST LET THEM REAP WHAT THEY SOW
TRUE, AT FIRST I, TOO, THOUGHT ABOUT SAVING EVERYONE, BUT HEY, SHU AND WU CHOSE TO TURN THEIR FANGS ON ME.

YOU TALKED SO BIG, BUT IN THE END WENT AND LET ME AND KANZAKI WIN,
WHILE LETTING DOWN YOUR ALLIES, WU AND SHU.
NO IDEA HOW YOU YOURSELF VIEW THIS OUTCOME, BUT TO THE WU AND SHU GUYS...
...YOU'RE A TOTAL LOSER, I GUARANTEE YOU THAT.
KU KU KU.
STILL WANNA INSIST YOU'VE "WON", EVEN NOW, YOKOYA?
WELL... DON'T WORRY.
I'M HERE TO OFFER YOU A VERY SWEET DEAL.
!?

IF YOU USE THE MONEY YOU GAINED IN THE PREVIOUS ROUNDS TO SAVE THE 8 MEMBERS OF WU AND SHU,
I'LL REFUSE KANZAKI'S REQUEST TO PAY OFF MY DEBTS, AND WILL HAPPILY GO UNDER.
!?
WHAT D'YOU THINK? NOT A BAD DEAL, RIGHT? TO THE SHU AND WU GUYS, YOU'LL INSTANTLY TURN INTO A SAVIOR, AND THEY'LL PRAISE YOU TO HIGH HEAVENS AS THE TRUE WINNER
I, ON THE OTHER HAND,
WILL BECOME A PATHETIC LOSER SHOWN HIS PLACE BY YOU TO THEM.
AKIYAMA HAS THIS PENCHANT THAT HE HAS BEEN SEARCHING FOR A WAY TO SAVE THE PLAYERS BY SACRIFICING HIMSELF THE WHOLE TIME!
AS SUCH ...

THIS IS THE ONLY ROAD AKIYAMA CAN TAKE.
THE BATTLE DEVELOPMENT IS LEFT TO FATE!
KU KU KU
I HAVE A FEELING THAT YOKOYA JUST MIGHT CHOOSE TO FINISH AKIYAMA OFF
BUT IF IT COMES DOWN TO THAT
PRESSING YOKOYA FOR THE LAST CHOICE...
...I SEE
HE WILL, TOO, WON'T HE?
第194話 END
NEXT TIME WHAT'S AKIYAMA'S NEXT MOVE ?
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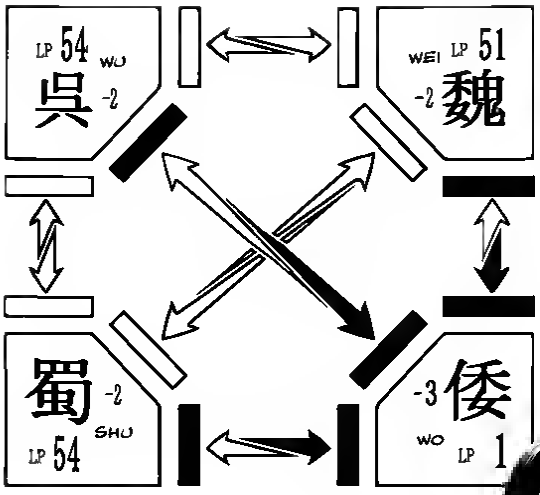

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Wo is getting closer
to the edge by the minute...

Will Kanzaki's passionate
appeal get through...?

Chapter 195
Danger zone

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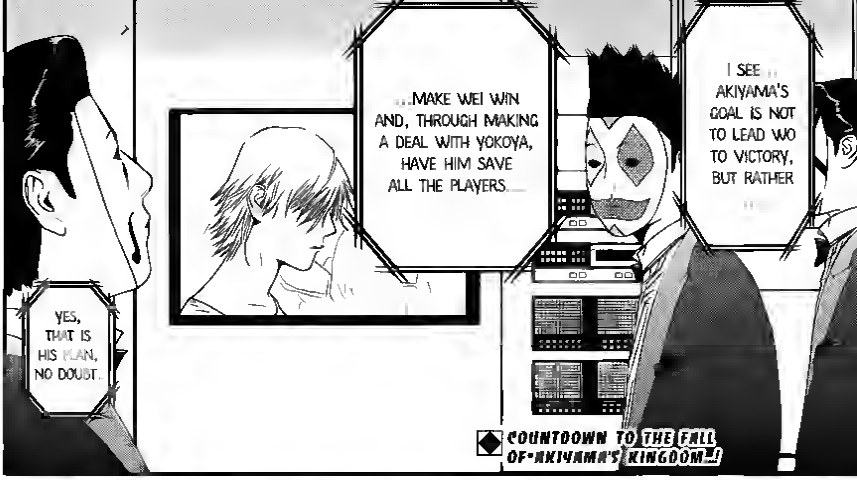
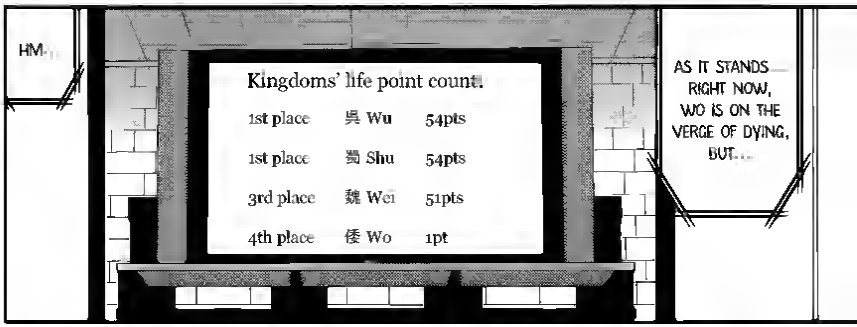
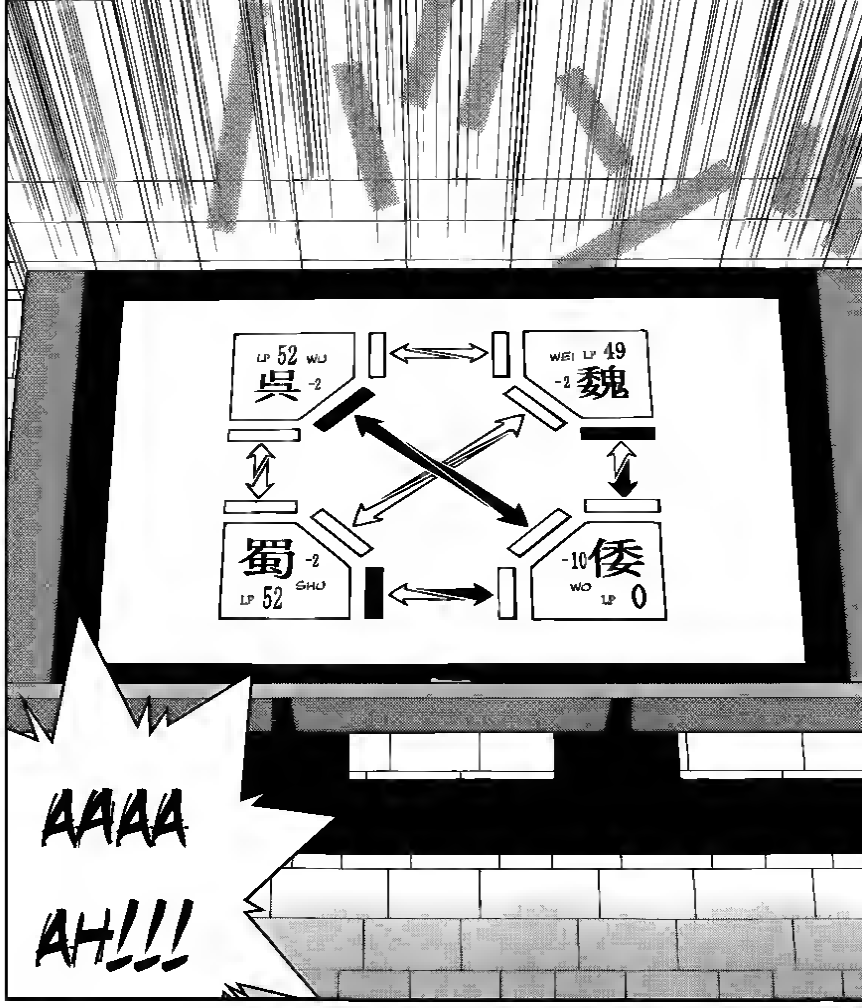

I SEE... AKIYAMA'S GOAL IS NOT TO LEAD WO TO VICTORY, BUT RATHER...
...MAKE WEI WIN AND, THROUGH MAKING A DEAL WITH YOKOYA, HAVE HIM SAVE ALL THE PLAYERS...
YES, THAT IS HIS PLAN, NO DOUBT.
COUNTDOWN TO THE FALL OF AKIYAMA'S KINGDOM 2!


HM...
Kingdoms' life point count:
1st place 呉 Wu 54pts
1st place 蜀 Shu 54pts
3rd place 魏 Wei 51pts
4th place 倭 Wo 1pt
AS IT STANDS RIGHT NOW, WO IS ON THE VERGE OF DYING, BUT...

OH WELL, WO IS GOING DOWN AT ANY RATE

THE TIME IS UP!

ALL THE KINGDOMS HAVE INPUT THEIR ACTIONS, I TRUST?
YOUR PLANNING TIME BEFORE THE 25TH ROUND OF BATTLE IS OVER!
WELL THEN...
...
...
BATTLE!
!!
WHOA!


LP 52 WU
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WEI LP 49
-2 魏
蜀 -2
SHU
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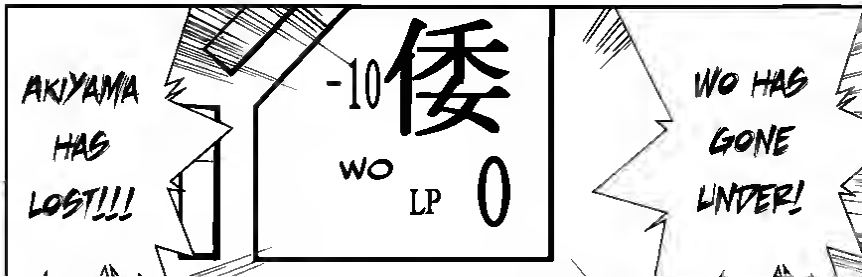
-10 倭
WO
LP 0
AAAA
AH!!!


AKIYAMA HAS LOST!!!
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WO
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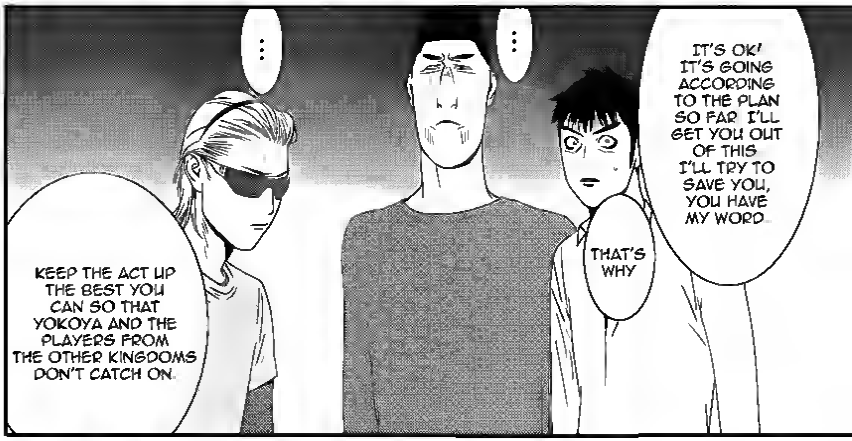
WO HAS GONE UNDER!

HMPH.
...
AAH.
IT'S UNBELIEVABLE, THE AKIYAMA LOST SO FAST UNABLE TO DO ANYTHING
THERE YOU HAVE IT. WO REALLY WENT DOWN BEFORE LONG.
OOH! I KNEW IT!
!!
AKIYAMA
SHIT!
DAMN IT!

DESPAIR MORE
THAT'S IT, KEEP IT UP.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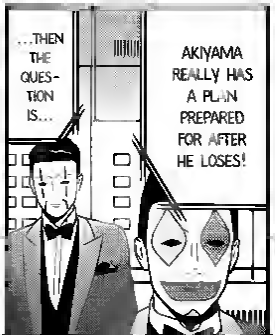
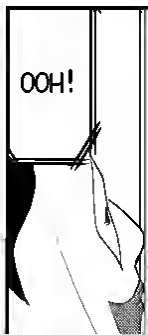
...
IT'S OK! IT'S GOING ACCORDING TO THE PLAN SO FAR. I'LL GET YOU OUT OF THIS. I'LL TRY TO SAVE YOU, YOU HAVE MY WORD.
THAT'S WHY
KEEP THE ACT UP THE BEST YOU CAN SO THAT YOKOYA AND THE PLAYERS FROM THE OTHER KINGDOMS DON'T CATCH ON.

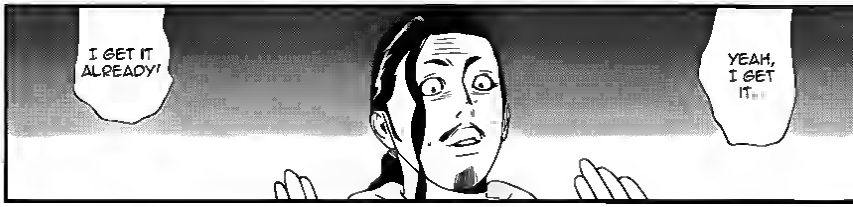

...THEN THE QUES-TION IS...
AKIYAMA REALLY HAS A PLAN PREPARED FOR AFTER HE LOSES!

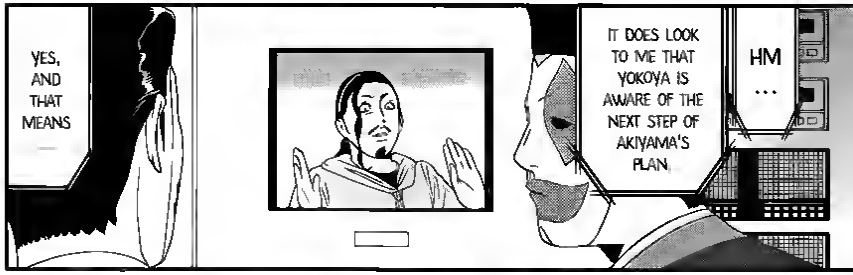

OOH!

DAMN IT ALL!
SHIIIT!!!

...WHETHER YOKOYA IS AWARE OF AKIYAMA'S PLAN OR NOT...
OOTSU-KA-SAN
COME HERE FOR A SECOND
?
YES, BOSS, WHAT IS IT?
WO HAS BEEN ELLIMINATED, BUT WE CANNOT LET OUR GUARD DOWN JUST YET
AKIYAMA IS SURE TO APPROACH YOU TO TRY AND TEMPT YOU,
SAYING ALL KINDS OF SWEET WORDS.
THE MOMENT YOU FALL FOR THEM WILL SPELL THE END FOR YOU.
G-
GOT IT.

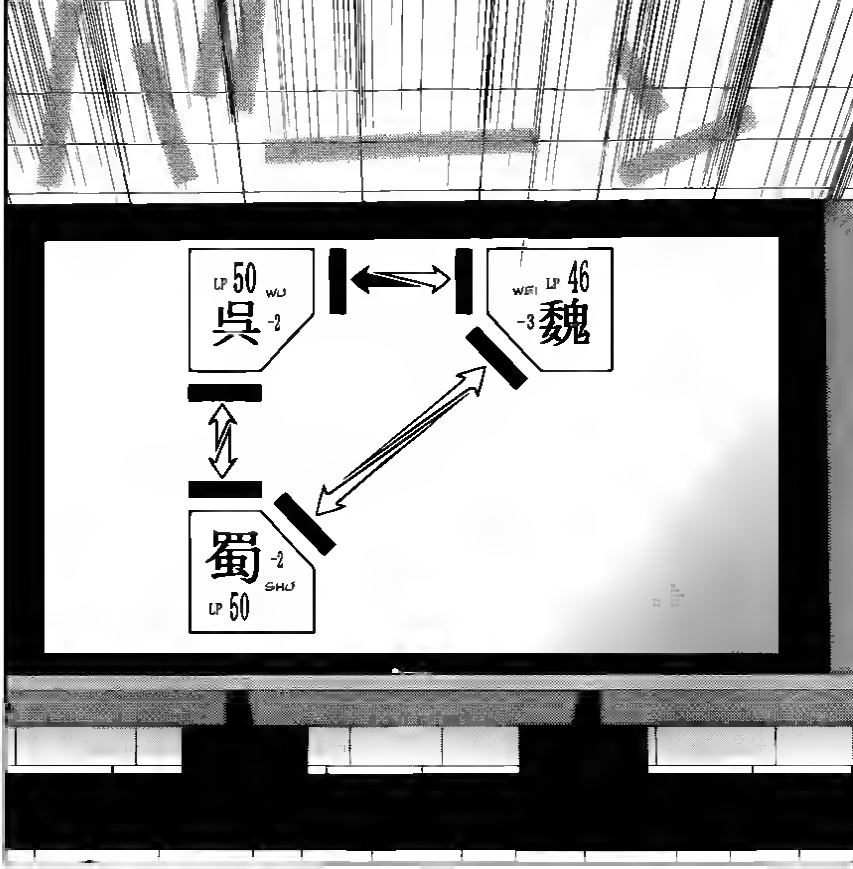
THIS MUCH WAS PROVEN TO YOU IN THE CONSOLATION MATCH, WAS IT NOT?
YOU WILL NOT GO WRONG IF YOU DO EXACTLY AS I SAY.


I GET IT ALREADY!
YEAH, I GET IT...


YES, AND THAT MEANS
IT DOES LOOK TO ME THAT YOKOYA IS AWARE OF THE NEXT STEP OF AKIYAMA'S PLAN.
HM ...

AKIYAMA TRYING TO SPLIT WEI THROUGH TEMPTING OOTSUKA AND WADA AWAY FROM YOKOYA, AND YOKOYA TRYING TO PREVENT IT.
THE LAST FIGHT WILL BE ABOUT

?
WHAT ACTIONS WILL THE THREE KINGDOMS ALLIANCE OF WEI, WU AND SHU GO WITH NEXT, IN YOUR OPINION?
WELL THEN,
-2
魏 Wei
呉 Wu
±0
IF SO, THEN... HOW ABOUT THESE ONES?
蜀 Shu
±0
AFTER MAKING WO LOSE, YOKOYA WANTS TO ALSO MAKE HIS OWN KINGDOM, WEI, LOSE, AND THAT IS ABOUT AS FAR AS HIS PLANS GO, NO?
10 SECONDS LEFT!
LET'S WATCH, THEN
FU FU FU
BATTLE!
!!
WITHOUT FURTHER ADO
FROM THIS ROUND ON, THE BATTLE IS HELD BETWEEN 3 KINGDOMS
THE TIME IS UP!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WEI
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蜀
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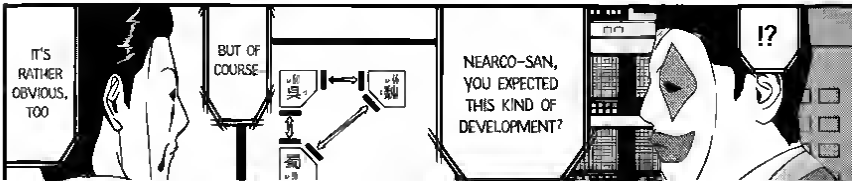
SHU
LP 50

HE REALLY WENT WITH THAT
I THOUGHT SO
BOTH SHU AND WU KEPT THEIR DEFENSES UP!
AH! IT'S DIFFERENT FROM MY PREDICTION!


IT'S RATHER OBVIOUS, TOO
BUT OF COURSE-
呉
魏
蜀
NEARCO-SAN, YOU EXPECTED THIS KIND OF DEVELOPMENT?
!?

THESE ACTIONS WOULD HAVE SUFFICED THEN.

-2 魏 Wei

吳 Wu ±0

WITH NO MORE THREATS, YOKOYA'S PLANS WOULD INDEED HAVE GONE NO FURTHER THAN LEADING HIS KINGDOM TO DEFEAT.

蜀 Shu ±0

IF HE WASN'T WORRIED ABOUT AKIYAMA SPLITTING WEI, THAT IS.

IN AN EXTREME CASE, YOKOYA WOULDN'T MIND BACKING UP EITHER WU OR SHU TO START THE FIGHT BEFORE WEI IS ELIMINATED.

SINCE BOTH OOTSUKA AND WADA STILL BELIEVE THAT IT'S WEI YOKOYA WANTS TO MAKE THE WINNER.

BUT AS I SAID WEI IS NOT FREE OF THREATS YET. NAMELY, THE POSSIBILITY OF WADA AND OOTSUKA BOYCOTTING BEING THE GENERAL IS NOT ZERO.

TO AVOID THAT, THERE ARE 2 THINGS HE CAN DO.

NATURALLY, YOKOYA DOESN'T WANT IT TO HAPPEN.

THE SITUATION WILL INSTANTLY BECOME CHAOTIC.

吳 Wu

Thief! You're breaking your promise!!

What doesn't Wei do anything?

蜀 Shu

Wei 魏

IF AKIYAMA SUCCEEDS IN GETTING THEM TO REFUSE TO BE THE GENERAL THROUGH TELLING THEM YOKOYA'S REAL INTENTIONS,

COULD IT BE THAT YOKOYA IS TRYING TO MAKE WEI LOSE ...?
LP
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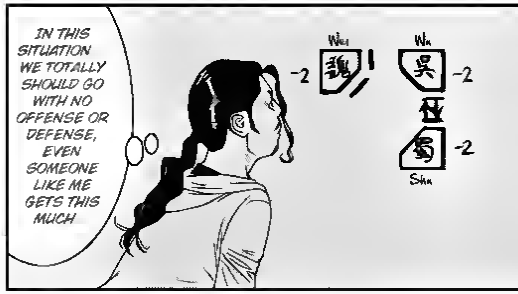
蜀 SHU 46
魏 WEI 11
FIRST, WEI CAN'T BLEED ITS LPS OUT TOO FAST. IF IT DID, WEI'S GENERAL WOULD BECOME SUSPICIOUS.


IN THIS SITUATION WE TOTALLY SHOULD GO WITH NO OFFENSE OR DEFENSE, EVEN SOMEONE LIKE ME GETS THIS MUCH
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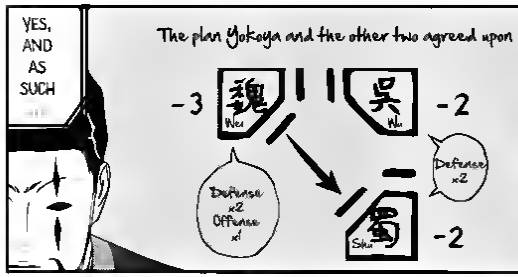
-2
-2
SECOND, HE HAS TO MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR WU AND SHU TO VIOLATE THE PACT. IF THEY ENGAGED IN A DUEL TOO SOON, WEI'S GENERAL MIGHT TRY TO GO AGAINST YOKOYA'S ORDERS.


YES, AND AS SUCH
The plan Yokoya and the other two agreed upon
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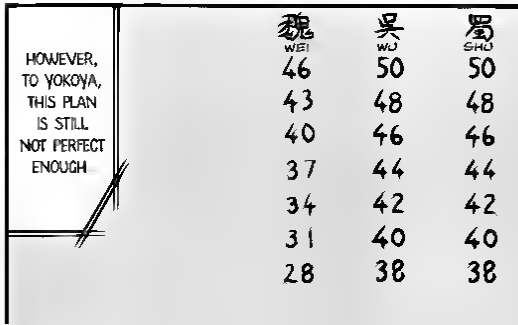
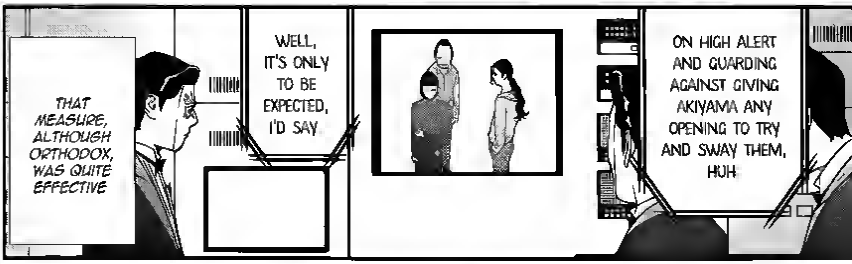
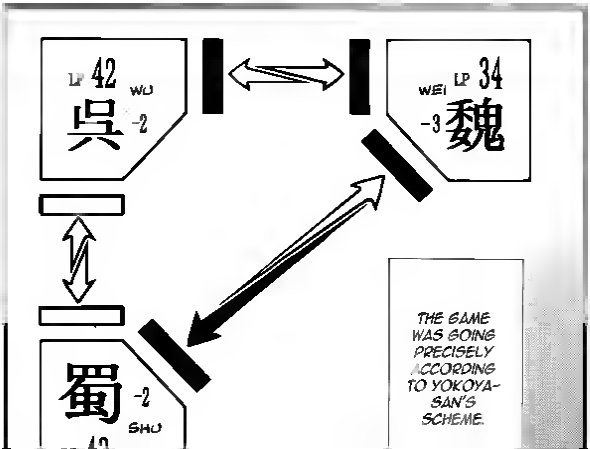
-2
-2
Defense x2 Offense x1
Defense x2
AAH, TRUE! HIS ACTIONS ENSURED IT WOULD NOT BE EASY TO WU OR SHU TO BREAK THE COOPERATION PACT!


HOWEVER, TO YOKOYA, THIS PLAN IS STILL NOT PERFECT ENOUGH.
LP count change chart
魏 WEI 吳 WU 蜀 SHU
46 50 50
43 48 48
40 46 46
37 44 44
34 42 42
31 40 40
28 38 38
WITH THE THREE KINGDOMS STILL COOPERATING, WEI IS SET TO KEEP USING UP ITS LPS AT A SLOW RATE UNTIL IT SINKS DOWN FIRST.

WHOA! THEN I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO SEE HOW WEI WILL FAIR IN BOTH OFFENSE AND DEFENSE WHEN THEY HAVE ABOUT 15 LPS LEFT!
BEFORE THEN, YOKOYA HAS TO COME UP WITH SOME MEASURES TO ENSURE THAT WADA AND OOTSUKA WON'T BEAT HIM AT THAT POINT.
Wei 魏 25 22 19 16 13
Wu 呉 36 34 32 30 28
Shu 蜀 36 34 32 30 28
15 LPS PLUS/MINUS A FEW IS A DANGER ZONE FOR WEI, BECAUSE THIS IS WHERE AKIYAMA IS SURE TO MAKE HIS MOVE.
KYAA!
WITH WO HAVING BEEN ELIMINATED, THE GAME TURNED INTO A 3-WAY STANDOFF, BUT
AH, I THOUGHT HE'D DO THAT...
HN?
YOKOYA IS...!
AH!
LP 48 WU 呉 -2
WEI LP 43 -3 魏
蜀 -2 SHU LP 48
AS IF BY SOME ABSOLUTE CONTRACT.
THE SEEMINGLY RANDOM LAZY ATTACKS CONTINUED

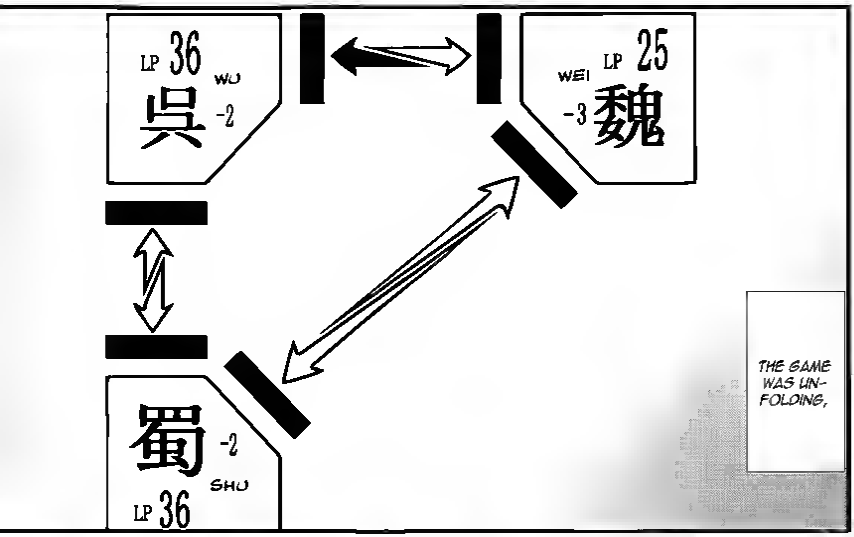
HE IS MAKING BOTH OOTSUKA AND WADA STICK TO HIM LIKE GLUE!

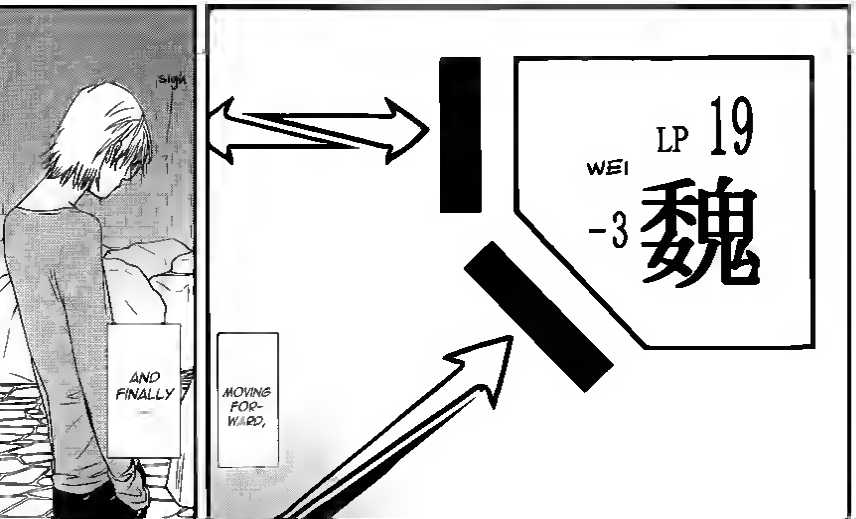

THAT MEASURE, ALTHOUGH ORTHODOX, WAS QUITE EFFECTIVE
WELL, IT'S ONLY TO BE EXPECTED, I'D SAY
ON HIGH ALERT AND GUARDING AGAINST GIVING AKIYAMA ANY OPENING TO TRY AND SWAY THEM, HUH

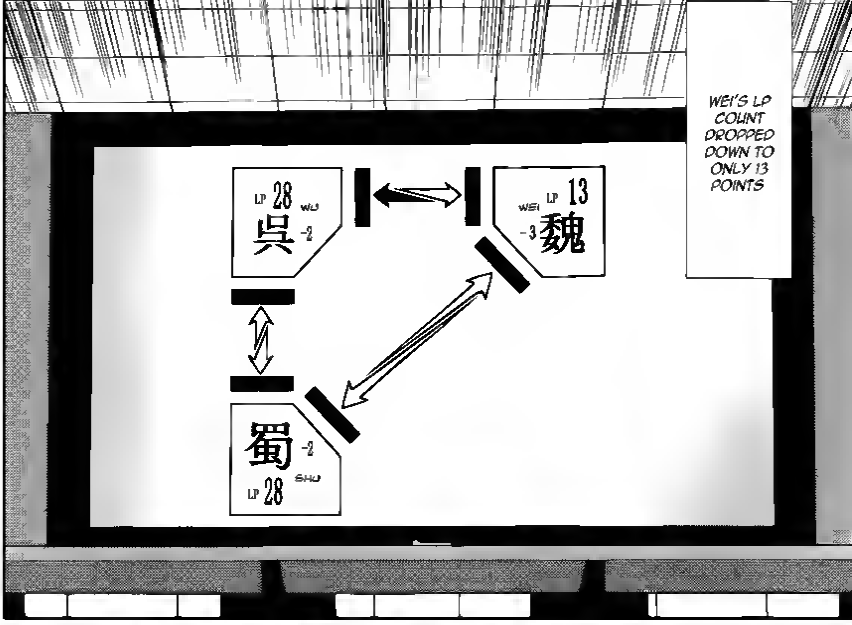

LP 42 WU
呉
-2
WEI LP 34
-3 魏
蜀
-2
SHU
THE GAME WAS GOING PRECISELY ACCORDING TO YOKOYA-SAN'S SCHEME.

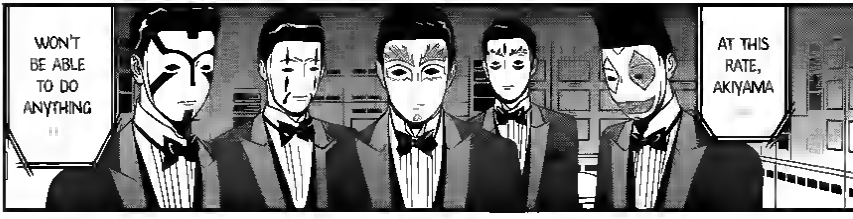
AKIYAMA-SAN COULD APPROACH NEITHER OOTSUKA-SAN NOR WADA-SAN

COULD STOP IT.
AND NO ONE


LP 36
WU
呉
-2
WEI
LP 25
-3
魏
THE GAME WAS UNFOLDING,
蜀
-2
SHU
LP 36


SIGH
AND FINALLY
MOVING FORWARD,
WEI
LP 19
-3
魏

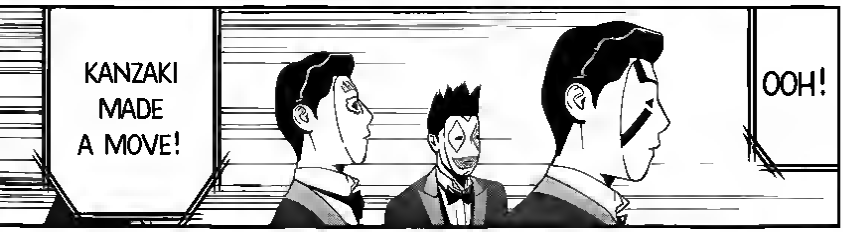

WEI'S LP COUNT DROPPED DOWN TO ONLY 13 POINTS
LP 28 WU -2
呉
WEI LP 13 -3 魏
蜀 -2 SHU
LP 28


WON'T BE ABLE TO DO ANYTHING
AT THIS RATE, AKIYAMA

ONLY 13 POINTS...
...

!!
OOTSUKA-SAN! WADA-SAN!

I HAVE...
...SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO TELL THE TWO OF YOU!


OOH!
KANZAKI MADE A MOVE!

DID AKIYAMA CLUE KANZAKI IN ON HIS PLAN?
HE PROBABLY LET HER KNOW THAT HE WANTS WEI TO WIN THROUGH PERSUADING OOTSUKA AND WADA.
BUT I HIGHLY DOUBT HE TOLD HER ABOUT THE NEXT STEP OF HIS PLAN, NAMELY HIS INTENTION TO SACRIFICE HIMSELF.

KANZAKI-SAN, PLEASE DO ME A FAVOR AND GO ELSEWHERE.
THERE IS NOTHING THESE TWO NEED TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT.
THERE IS!

YOKOYA-SAN IS TRYING TO MAKE WEI LOSE!!!
AND AFTER THAT... HE INTENDS TO CAST YOU BOTH AWAY!!!
NAO'S DESPERATE CRY! AND THE RESULT IS...!!

YOU ARE BEING DECEIVED, OOTSUKA-SAN, WADA-SAN!!!
PLEASE REALIZE IT BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!!!

HUH?
...

OHH...
...
第135話
END
NEXT TIME "HOW WILL THE SITUATION CHANGE?"
LIAR GAME

FOCUS
ON
REALITY.
SHUT OUT
ALL
THE REST.
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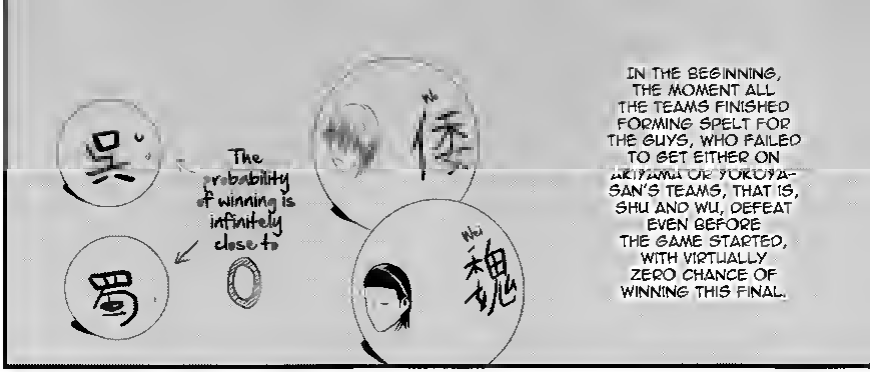
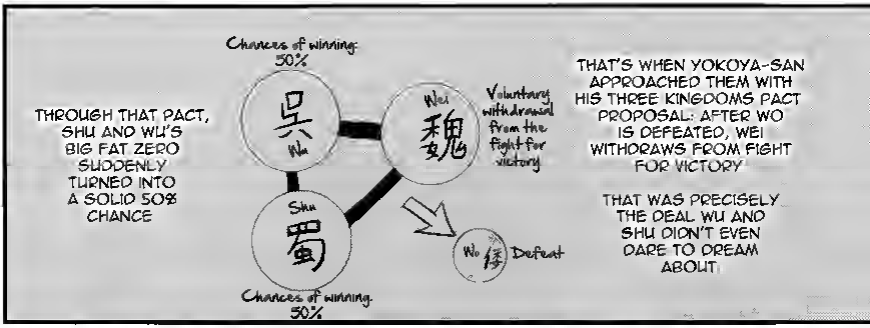
OTSUKA-SAN, WADA-SAN, YOU ARE BEING DECEIVED!
PLEASE REALIZE IT BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!
DESPERATE PERSUATION!
...
.EH?
KANZAKI-SAN, PLEASE REFRAIN FROM TARNISHING MY GOOD NAME
NO!!!
I WILL SAY WHAT I HAVE TO SAY !!!
YOKOYA-SAN, YOU HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO INTENTION TO LEAD WEI TO VICTORY!
吳
WU
INSTEAD, YOU WANT FOR WEI TO LOSE, BECAUSE...

...WOULD BE BROUGHT DOWN!!!
...THAT WAY BOTH AKIYAMA-SAN AND I...
WHETHER OR NOT SHE CAN MAKE WADA AND OOTSUKA BELIEVE HER...
THE QUES-TION IS...
SHE BOLDLY SAID IT RIGHT TO YOKOYA'S FACE.
OHH.
...
DO YOU REALLY STILL THINK, EVEN AFTER SEEING THIS, THAT YOKOYA-SAN WORKS TO MAKE WEI THE WINNER?!
ACTU-ALLY
WU AND SHU STILL HAVE 28 POINTS, WHILE WEI ONLY HAS 13!
Kingdoms' life po
1st place 呉 Wu 28pts
1st place 蜀 Shu 28pts
3rd place 魏 Wei 13pts
4th place 倭 Wo 0pt
JUST LOOK AT WEI'S LP COUNT!

I HAD MY SUSPICIONS...
...ABOUT YOKOYA-SAN PLANNING TO MAKE WEI LOSE...
!!
OHH!!!
OOTSUKA LOOKS READY TO BELIEVE KANZAKI!!!
SO WE'LL BE SEEING THEM BOYCOTT THE GENERAL'S DUTY, AFTER ALL?
IF SO, THE BALANCE BETWEEN WU AND SHU WILL BREAK THE SAME INSTANCE...
AND THE SITUATION WILL BECOME UNPREDICTABLE?!
THAT IS RIGHT! THOSE SUSPICIONS ARE CORRECT!
THIS IS THE ONLY POSSIBLE LOGICAL CONCLUSION, IS IT NOT?!
YEAH
TRUE, CAUSE

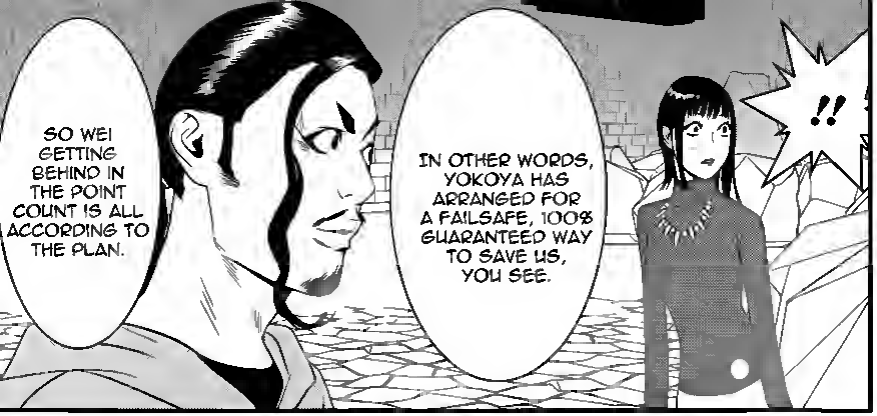
...WE'VE ALREADY HEARD ALL ABOUT HIS PLANS DIRECTLY FROM YOKOYA-SAN.
HE SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO SEND WEI TO THE BOTTOM IN ORDER TO MAKE YOU AND AKIYAMA LOSE.
EH?!
!?
HUH?!
WAIT, WAIT... WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN? DO YOU REALIZE....
THAT IF WEI LOSES, YOU, OOTSUKA-SAN, ALONG WITH WADA-SAN, WILL ALSO LOSE?!
YEP.
AND WE'RE COOL WITH THAT.
!?
EVEN IF WE LOSE, THE WU AND SHU GUYS WILL PAY OUR DEBTS.


The probability of winning is infinitely close to
0
IN THE BEGINNING, THE MOMENT ALL THE TEAMS FINISHED FORMING SPELT FOR THE GUYS, WHO FAILED TO GET EITHER ON ARIYAMA OR YOKOYA-SAN'S TEAMS, THAT IS, SHU AND WU, DEFEAT EVEN BEFORE THE GAME STARTED, WITH VIRTUALLY ZERO CHANCE OF WINNING THIS FINAL.

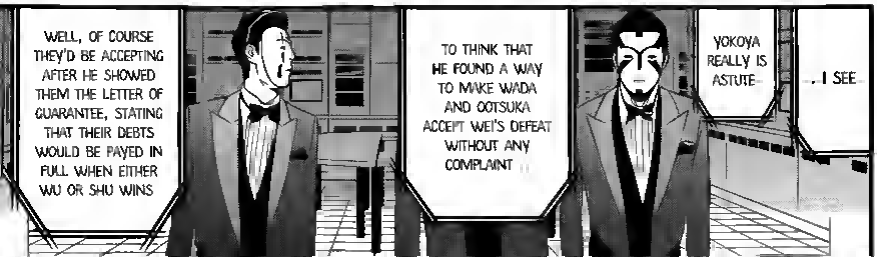

THROUGH THAT PACT, SHU AND WU'S BIG FAT ZERO SUDDENLY TURNED INTO A SOLID 50% CHANCE
Chances of winning: 50%
Wu
Wei
Voluntary withdrawal from the fight for victory
Shu
Wu
Defeat
Chances of winning: 50%
THAT'S WHEN YOKOYA-SAN APPROACHED THEM WITH HIS THREE KINGDOMS PACT PROPOSAL: AFTER WO IS DEFEATED, WEI WITHDRAWS FROM FIGHT FOR VICTORY.
THAT WAS PRECISELY THE DEAL WU AND SHU DIDN'T EVEN DARE TO DREAM ABOUT.

!?
NEEDLESS TO SAY THAT I DID NOT OFFER THEM SUCH FAVORABLE TERMS FOR NOTHING.

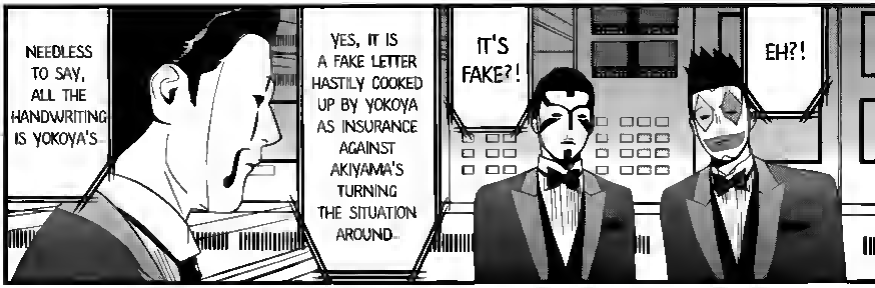
I HAD THEM UNDERTAKE THE OBLIGATION OF PAYING OFF OOTSUKA AND WADA'S DEBTS BY THE 4 PLAYERS OF THE WINNING TEAM, WHICHEVER IT WILL BE, OUT OF THEIR PRIZE MONEY.
IN EXCHANGE FOR ENACTING SAID THREE KINGDOMS PACT,


SO WE'RE GETTING BEHIND IN THE POINT COUNT IS ALL ACCORDING TO THE PLAN.
IN OTHER WORDS, YOKOYA HAS ARRANGED FOR A FAILSAFE, 100% GUARANTEED WAY TO SAVE US, YOU SEE.
!!

DON'T HATE US. THIS IS...
SORRY, KANZAKI-SAN, ONLY THE TWO OF US WILL BE SAVED.
...THE LIAR GAME, AFTER ALL
...


WELL, OF COURSE THEY'D BE ACCEPTING AFTER HE SHOWED THEM THE LETTER OF GUARANTEE, STATING THAT THEIR DEBTS WOULD BE PAYED IN FULL WHEN EITHER WU OR SHU WINS
TO THINK THAT HE FOUND A WAY TO MAKE WADA AND OOTSUKA ACCEPT WEI'S DEFEAT WITHOUT ANY COMPLAINT...
YOKOYA REALLY IS ASTUTE...
...I SEE...

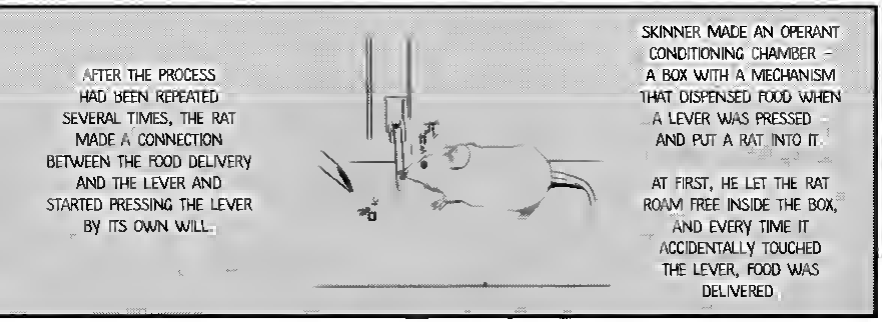
...IS FAKE, AND THEY DON'T REALIZE IT.
EXCEPT THAT LETTER OF GUARANTEE ...

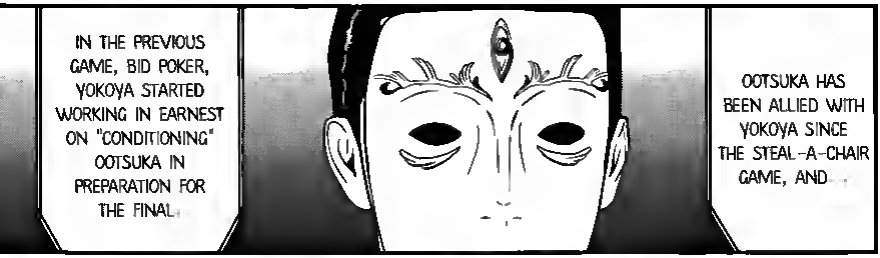

NEEDLESS TO SAY, ALL THE HANDWRITING IS YOKOYA'S.
YES, IT IS A FAKE LETTER HASTILY COOKED UP BY YOKOYA AS INSURANCE AGAINST AKIYAMA'S TURNING THE SITUATION AROUND.
IT'S FAKE?!
EH?!

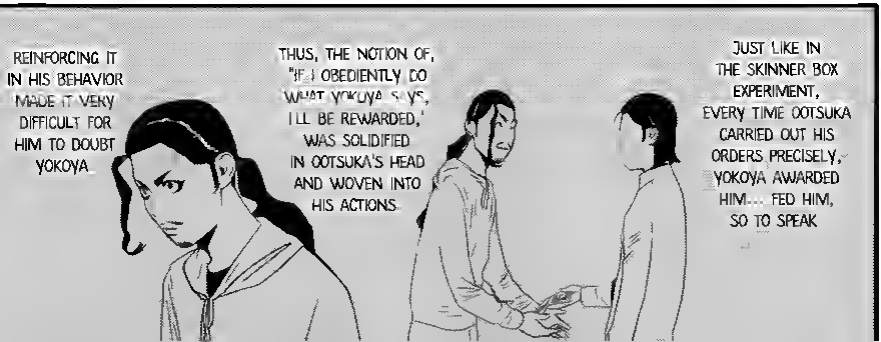
THERE IS NO ONE TO PAY THEM OFF FOR THOSE TWO, AFTER ALL.
THEY WILL NOT MAGICALLY DISAPPEAR, OF COURSE.
SO WHAT WILL BECOME OF WADA AND OOTSUKA'S DEBTS?

YOKOYA THOROUGHLY CONDITIONED HIM, AFTER ALL.
OOTSUKA BELIEVED THAT LIE ESPECIALLY EASILY.
NO, THE THOUGHT DID NOT OCCUR TO THEM, I IMAGINE
OH, WOW! SO NEITHER WADA OR OOTSUKA THOUGHT TO QUESTION THE CREDIBILITY OF THAT LETTER, HUH?

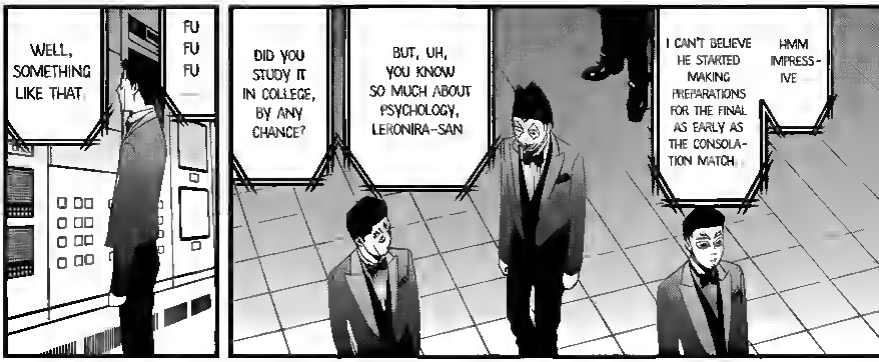
THERE IS A FAMOUS EXPERIMENT KNOWN AS THE SKINNER BOX.
IN PSYCHO-LOGY,
CONDI-TIONED?


AFTER THE PROCESS HAD BEEN REPEATED SEVERAL TIMES, THE RAT MADE A CONNECTION BETWEEN THE FOOD DELIVERY AND THE LEVER AND STARTED PRESSING THE LEVER BY ITS OWN WILL.
SKINNER MADE AN OPERANT CONDITIONING CHAMBER - A BOX WITH A MECHANISM THAT DISPENSED FOOD WHEN A LEVER WAS PRESSED - AND PUT A RAT INTO IT.
AT FIRST, HE LET THE RAT ROAM FREE INSIDE THE BOX, AND EVERY TIME IT ACCIDENTALLY TOUCHED THE LEVER, FOOD WAS DELIVERED.


IN THE PREVIOUS GAME, BID POKER, YOKOYA STARTED WORKING IN EARNEST ON "CONDITIONING" OOTSUKA IN PREPARATION FOR THE FINAL.
OOTSUKA HAS BEEN ALLIED WITH YOKOYA SINCE THE STEAL-A-CHAIR GAME, AND...


REINFORCING IT IN HIS BEHAVIOR MADE IT VERY DIFFICULT FOR HIM TO DOUBT YOKOYA.
THUS, THE NOTION OF, "IF I OBEDIENTLY DO WHAT YOKOYA SAYS, I'LL BE REWARDED," WAS SOLIDIFIED IN OOTSUKA'S HEAD AND WOVEN INTO HIS ACTIONS.
JUST LIKE IN THE SKINNER BOX EXPERIMENT, EVERY TIME OOTSUKA CARRIED OUT HIS ORDERS PRECISELY, YOKOYA AWARDED HIM.... FED HIM, SO TO SPEAK.

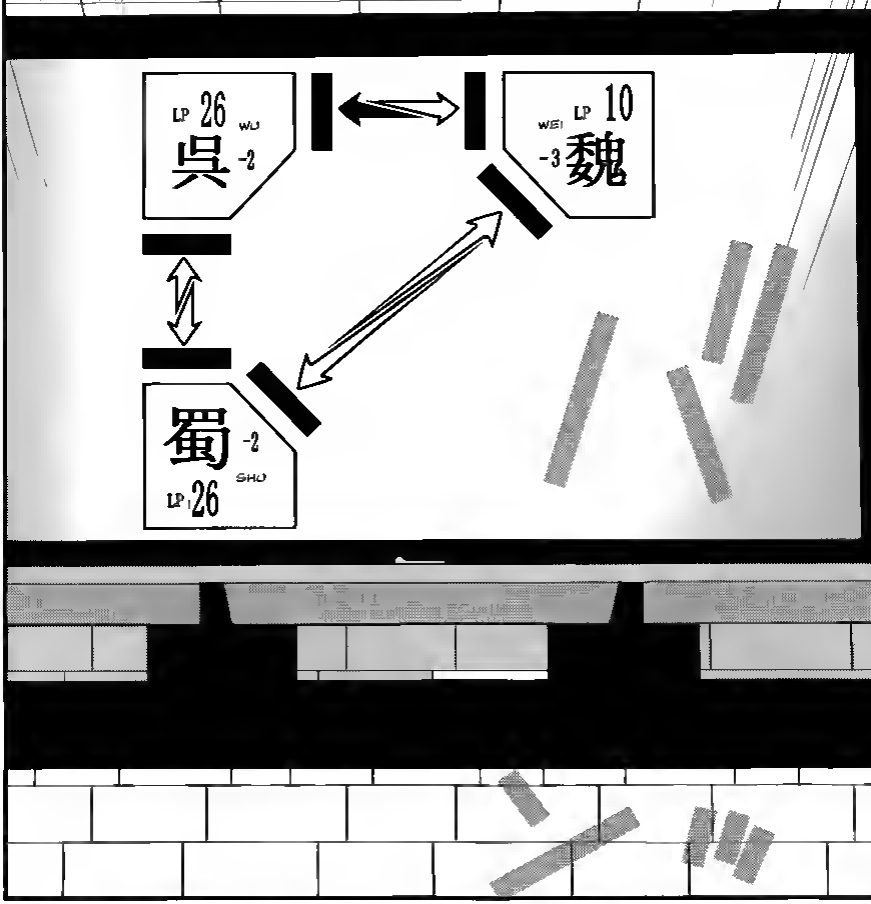
HE CANNOT EVEN FATHOM THE IDEA OF HIS "OWNER" ABANDONING HIM ANYMORE.
OOTSUKA HAS BECOME YOKOYA'S "PET", THROUGH AND THROUGH.


WELL, SOMETHING LIKE THAT
FU FU FU
DID YOU STUDY IT IN COLLEGE, BY ANY CHANCE?
BUT, UH, YOU KNOW SO MUCH ABOUT PSYCHOLOGY, LERONIRA-SAN
I CAN'T BELIEVE HE STARTED MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR THE FINAL AS EARLY AS THE CONSOLATION MATCH.
HMM IMPRESSIVE

CAN THEY CREATE A RIFT AND DRAW OOTSUKA AND WADA AWAY FROM YOKOYA IN THIS SITUATION?
WELL THEN, WHAT WILL AKIYAMA AND KANZAKI DO NOW?

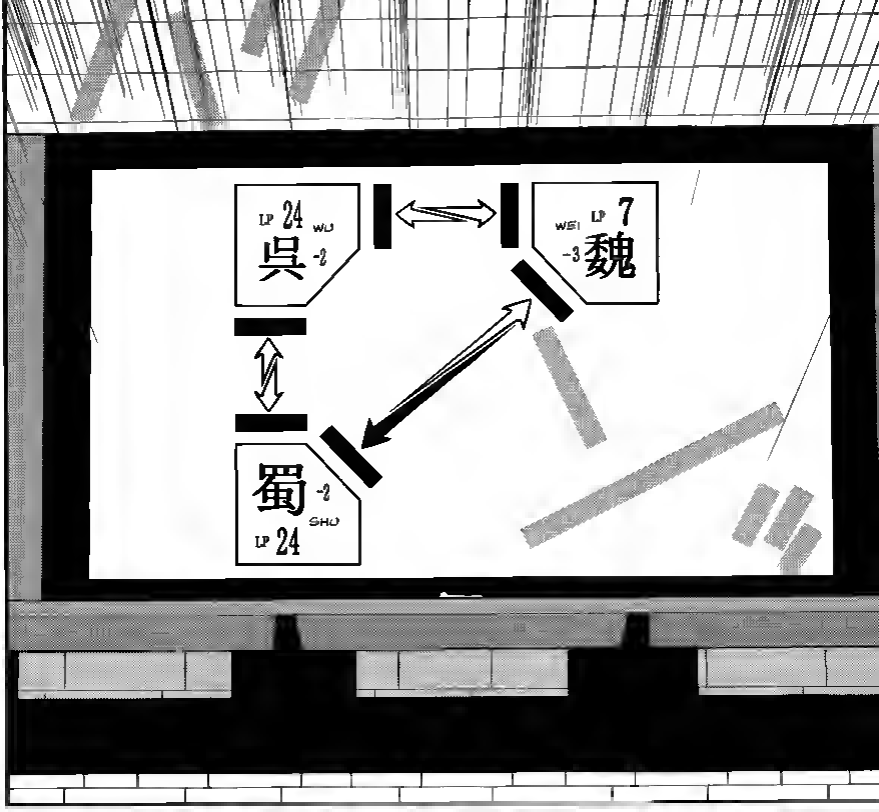
W-WAIT A SECOND, OOTSUKA-SAN!
RIGHT
OOTSUKA-SAN, THE TIME IS OF THE ESSENSE SHOULDN'T YOU MAKE YOUR WAY TO THE CONTROL TOWER?

HAH.
IT SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE THOUGH.
OOTSUKA-SAAN!
WELL, MAYBE.
FOR HIM DOING SOMETHING ABOUT THE SITUATION MIGHT BE POSSIBLE.
NO, NO, AKIYAMA HAS YET TO MAKE HIS MOVE.
!!
THE TIME IS UP!!!
BATTLE!!!
LET US BEGIN THE 38TH ROUND OF OUR
WELL THEN
WHAT'S THE RESULT?
!!


LP 26 WU
呉 -2
WEI LP 10
-3 魏
蜀 -2
SHU
LP 26

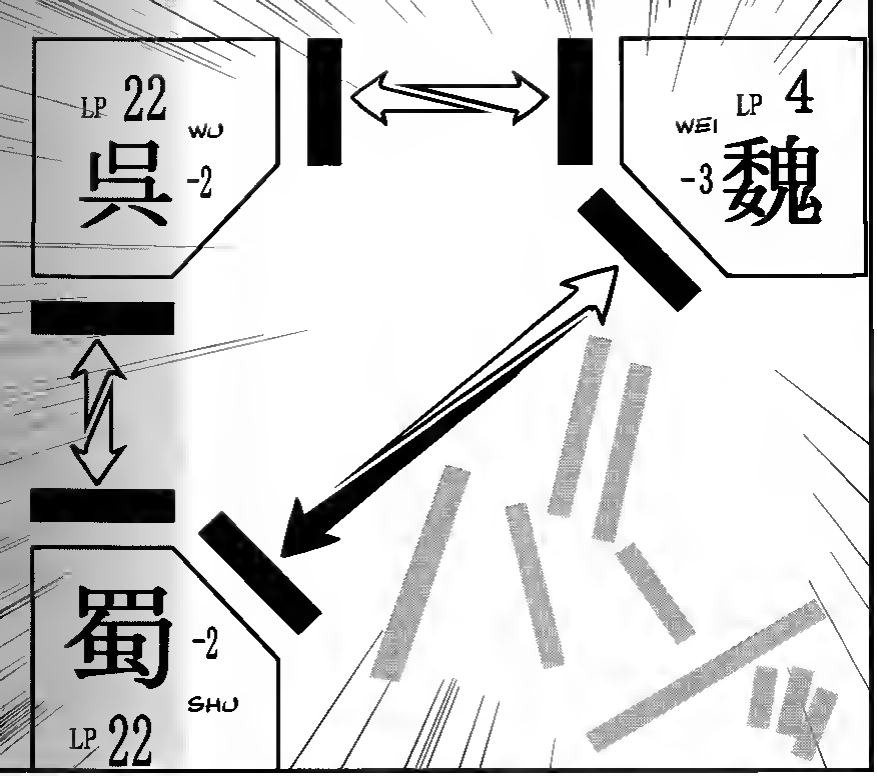
EVERYTHING IS STILL GOING ACCORDING TO YOKOYA'S PLAN...
...AAH.

…
…
KU KU KU.
ONLY 10 MORE POINTS
TILL I WIN.
IN THE 39TH ROUND
THE TIME IS NOW UP!
LET'S SEE.
DID AKIYAMA FINALLY DO IT?
BATTLE!!!
!?
!!


LP 24 WU
呉 -2
WEI LP 7
-3 魏
蜀 -2
SHU
LP 24

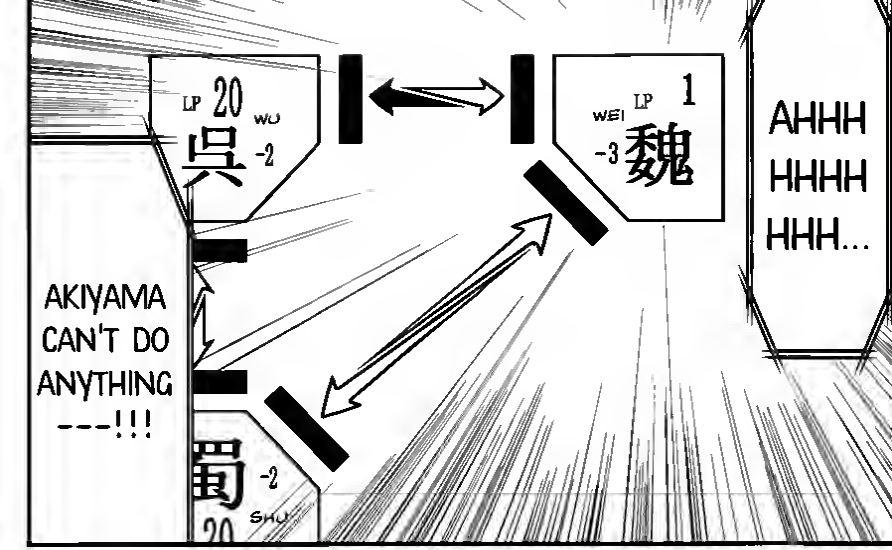
WEI KEEPS WASTING ITS LIFE POINTS.
AAH.

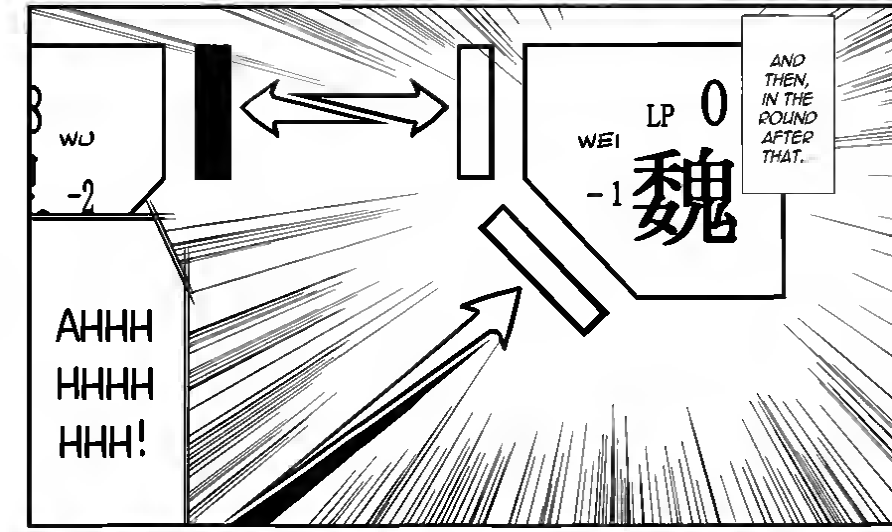
IN THE NEXT ROUND, AGAIN...
AND,
7 MORE POINTS TO GO
KU KU KU


LP 22
WU
-2
呉
LP 4
WEI
-3
魏
蜀
-2
SHU
LP 22

AHH!!!
!!

BUT IN THE NEXT ROUND...
AKIYAMA WILL DO SOMETHING THEN!!!
LET'S WAIT FOR THE NEXT ROUND!
ONLY 4 MORE POINTS...
KU KU KU.


LP 20
WU
-2
呉
WEI
LP 1
-3
魏
AHHH HHHH HHH...
AKIYAMA CAN'T DO ANYTHING ---!!!
蜀
-2
SHU
20


WU
-2
AHHH HHHH HHH!
WEI
LP 0
-1
魏
AND THEN, IN THE ROUND AFTER THAT...

I DID IT...
...
LOST!!!
WEI HAS FINALLY...

I'VE CRUSHED AKIYAMA AND KANZAKI!!!
I WON!!!
AT LONG LAST...

MHAA HAHA HAHA !!!

SERVES YOU RIGHT, AKIYAMA!!! IN THE END IT'S ME WHO CAME OUT ON TOP!!!
KUKU... KUKU KUKU!

GENTLEMEN, I THINK YOU ARE MISUNDER-STANDING SOMETHING
!?

I THOUGHT HE WOULD BE ABLE TO PUT UP SOME FIGHT... HE REALLY DISAPPOINTED ME.
SO IN THE END, AKIYAMA COULD DO NOTHING, HUH...
AAH.

EEEE EEEH HH?!
...IS GOING PERFECTLY ACCORDING TO AKIYAMA'S PLAN.
EVERY-THING THAT IS HAPPEN-ING...
AKIMA'S SECRET PLAN IS MOVING ALONG BEHIND THE SCENES...?

DOES THAT MEAN... HE STILL HAS A PLAN, EVEN NOW?!
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT... RIGHT, YOU HAVEN'T
EH?!
TO BEGIN WITH, I HAVE NEVER SAID A WORD ABOUT AKIYAMA'S PLAN INVOLVING GETTING OOTSUKA AND WADA TO BOYCOTT THE DUTY OF WEI'S GENERAL.

!?
THE PLAN THAT WILL TURN THE SITUATION AROUND IN AN INSTANCE.
YES, THERE IS STILL ONE - AND ONLY - PLAN LEFT.
FUFUFU... WELL, I AM NOT SURE IF HIS IDEA WILL SUCCEED OR NOT, BUT...
NEXT TIME, WHAT IS THAT PLAN?!
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Passing absolute judgement on non-resistence. This is proof of his reign.
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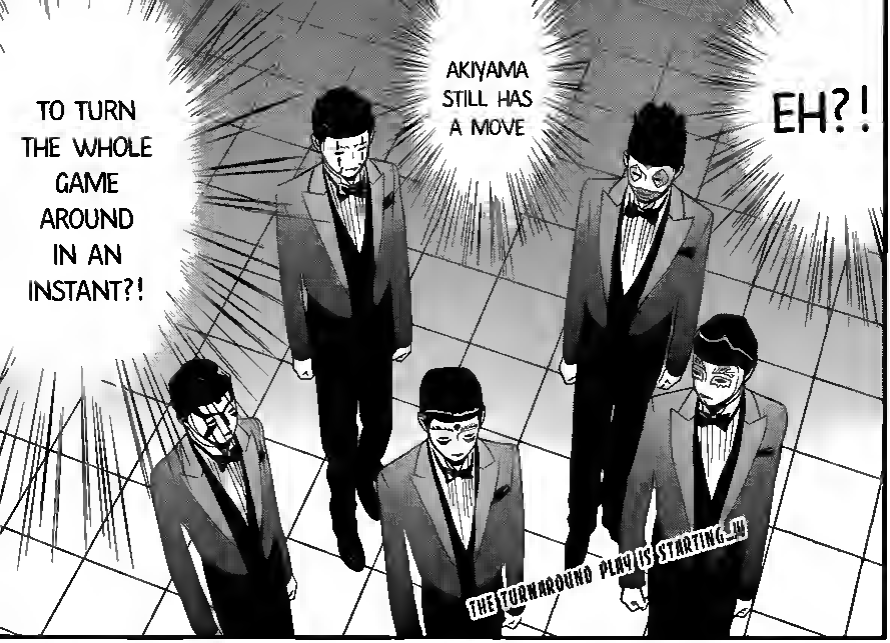
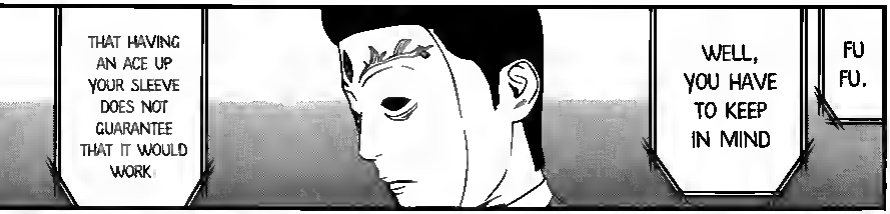
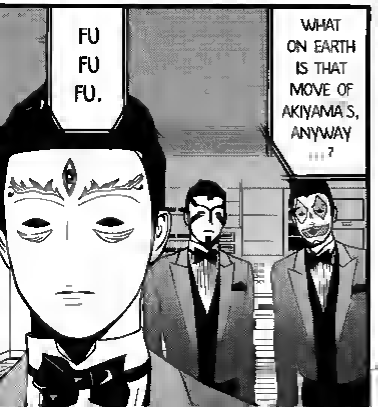
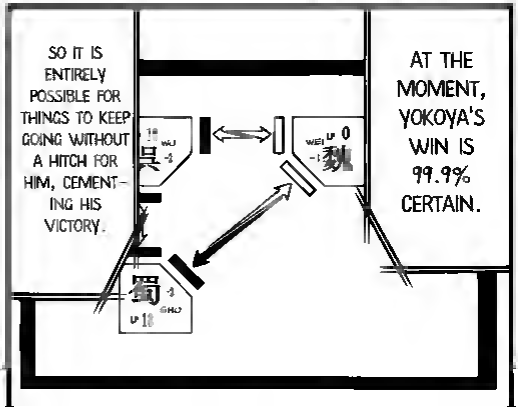

TO TURN THE WHOLE GAME AROUND IN AN INSTANT?!
AKIYAMA STILL HAS A MOVE
EH?!
THE TURNAROUND PLAY IS STARTING...!!

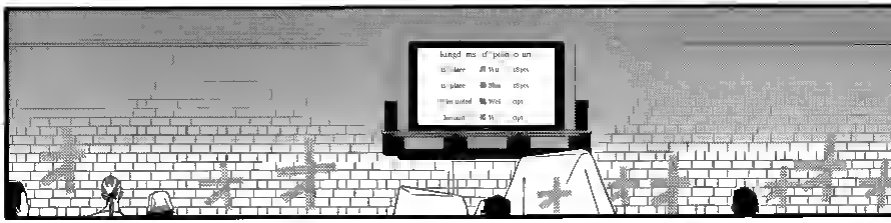

THAT HAVING AN ACE UP YOUR SLEEVE DOES NOT GUARANTEE THAT IT WOULD WORK.
WELL, YOU HAVE TO KEEP IN MIND
FU FU.


FU FU FU.
WHAT ON EARTH IS THAT MOVE OF AKIYAMA'S, ANYWAY...?


SO IT IS ENTIRELY POSSIBLE FOR THINGS TO KEEP GOING WITHOUT A HITCH FOR HIM, CEMENTING HIS VICTORY.
AT THE MOMENT, YOKOYA'S WIN IS 99.9% CERTAIN.
WEI
WU
SHU

I SUGGEST WE WATCH THE GAME UNFOLD FOR A LITTLE WHILE LONGER.

WELL, BEFORE I REVEAL THAT,



Kingdoms' life point count:

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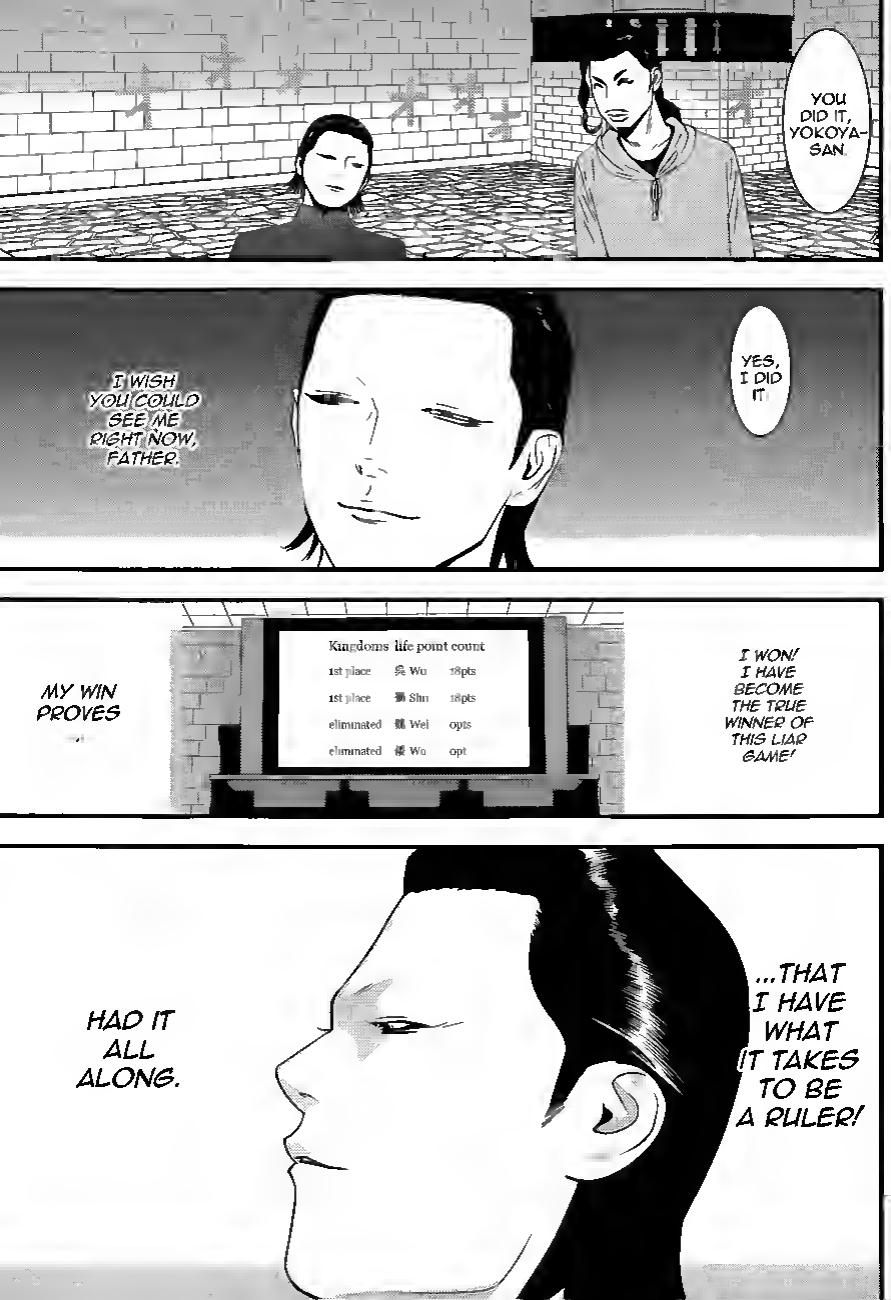
eliminated	魏 Wei	0pts
eliminated	倭 Wo	0pt


YOU DID IT, YOKOYA-SAN.
YES, I DID IT.
I WISH YOU COULD SEE ME RIGHT NOW, FATHER.
Kingdoms life point count
1st place 呉 Wu 18pts
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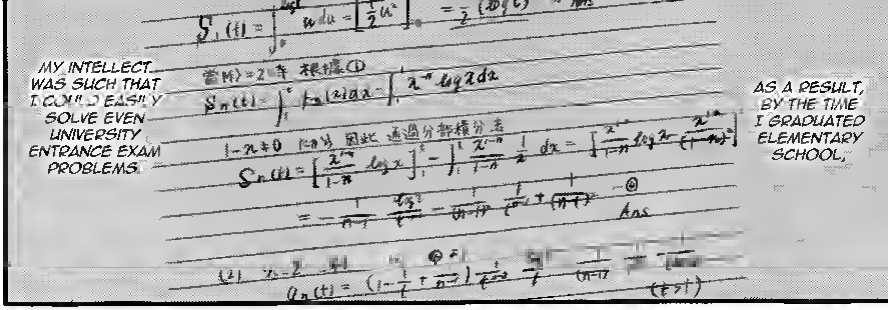
eliminated 倭 Wo 0pt
MY WIN PROVES
I WON! I HAVE BECOME THE TRUE WINNER OF THIS LIAR GAME!
...THAT I HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A RULER!
HAD IT ALL ALONG.

!?
WHAT KIND OF ADULT DO YOU WANT TO BECOME?
NORI-HIKO
OF MY QUEST... IT WAS BACK WHEN I WAS 5 OR 6. IT STARTED WITH A FEW CASUAL WORDS MY FATHER SAID TO ME.
A GREAT COMPANY BOSS, LIKE YOU, FATHER.
I THINK I WANT TO BE
BECOMING A COMPANY BOSS, OR A DOCTOR, OR A LAWYER, OR AN OFFICE WORKER— IS NOTHING MORE THAN THE SURFACE.
NORI-HIKO
?
THEY BELONG TO
IF YOU PROBE INTO IT DEEPER, YOU WILL FIND THAT PEOPLE CAN BE DIVIDED ONLY IN TWO CATEGORIES.
OR THE ONES WHO ARE BEING RULED.
EITHER THE ONES WHO RULE,

I'M ONE OF THE RULERS, OF COURSE.
TO WHICH CATEGORY DO YOU BELONG, FATHER?
TO WHICH CATEGORY DO YOU WANT TO BELONG IN THE FUTURE?
SO?
ONE OF THE RULERS LIKE YOU, FATHER!
I WILL DEFINITELY BECOME
THUS BEGAN MY SPECIAL TRAINING FOR GIFTED CHILDREN AIMING TO BECOME A RULER, WITH MY ADMIRATION FOR MY FATHER BEING THE DRIVING FORCE
I SEE, I SEE.
MY FATHER, WHO BUILT A FORTUNE FROM NOTHING IN A SHORT TIME AND ASCENDED TO THE TOP OF THE ECONOMIC WORLD, WAS A LARGER-THAN-LIFE HERO TO ME
BUT IT WAS NOT HARD FOR ME TO DO, BECAUSE I WHOLEHEARTEDLY WANTED TO BECOME LIKE MY FATHER.
AS SOON AS I ENTERED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, I HAD 10 PRIVATE TUTORS ASSIGNED TO ME, AND EVERY DAY OF MY LIFE WAS SPENT BEING IMMERSED IN STUDIES...


MY INTELLECT WAS SUCH THAT I COULD EASILY SOLVE EVEN UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE EXAM PROBLEMS.
AS A RESULT, BY THE TIME I GRADUATED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,

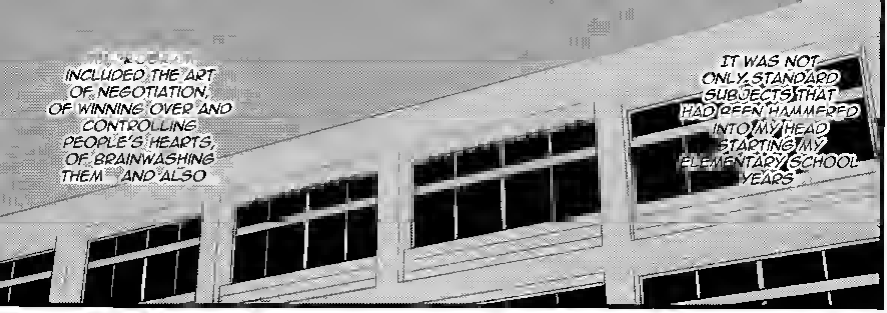
?
THIS IS WHERE YOUR REAL EDUCATION BEGINS.
NORIHIKO.
WITH MY ACADEMIC LEVEL, I COULD HAVE GOTTEN INTO ANY FAMOUS MIDDLE SCHOOL OF MY CHOOSING WITH NO PROBLEM WHATSOEVER. BUT FATHER HAD ME ENTER A RUN-OF-THE-MILL PUBLIC SCHOOL INSTEAD.

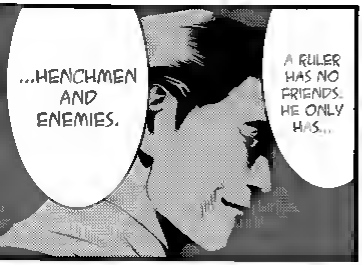
A ROTTEN SCHOOL FULL OF DELINQUENTS
IN THE METROPOLITAN AREA THIS SCHOOL IS FAMOUS FOR BEING RAMPANT.

BECOME THIS SCHOOL'S RULER.
AND
TAME THOSE LOWLIFES

I WILL DO MY BEST TO ACCOMPLISH IT, I PROMISE, FATHER.
I SEE.

THIS IS YOUR MISSION.


IT WAS NOT ONLY STANDARD SUBJECTS THAT HAD BEEN HAMMERED INTO MY HEAD STARTING MY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL YEARS.
INCLUDED THE ART OF NEGOTIATION, OF WINNING OVER AND CONTROLLING PEOPLE'S HEARTS, OF BRAINWASHING THEM AND ALSO


A RULER HAS NO FRIENDS. HE ONLY HAS...
...HENCHMEN AND ENEMIES.

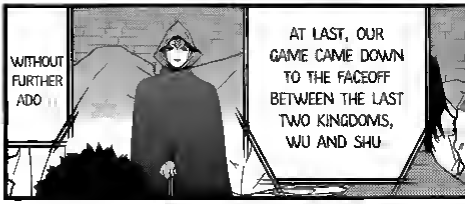
NORIHIKO... THOSE WHO STAND AT THE TOP MUST NOT THINK SOMETHING WEAK AND NAIVE LIKE, "I W, NT FRIENDS".
HUMANS ARE SUCH CRE, TURES WHO CAN EASILY DECEIVE AND BETR, Y YOU IN ORDER TO SATISFY THEIR GREED.
MY FATHER'S LIFE LESSONS, WHICH INFLUENCED ME THE MOST.

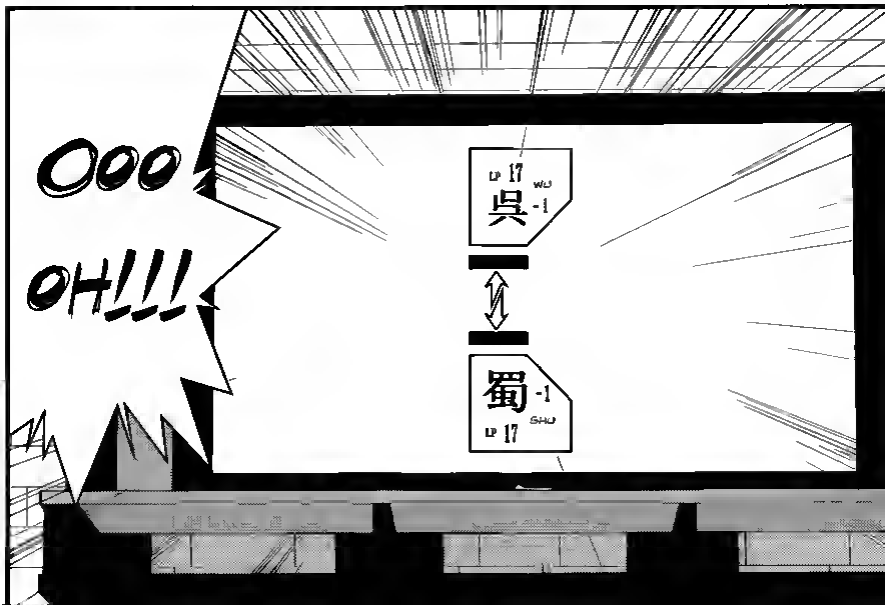
DURING THE 6 YEARS OF MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL, FATHER HAD ME CHANGE SCHOOLS 3 TIMES, MAKING SURE I AMASSED EXPERIENCE AT 4 DIFFERENT SCHOOLS.
MAKING HIS WORDS MY GUIDELINES, I CONFRONTED THE SCOUNDRELS AND MADE THEM SUBMIT TO ME.

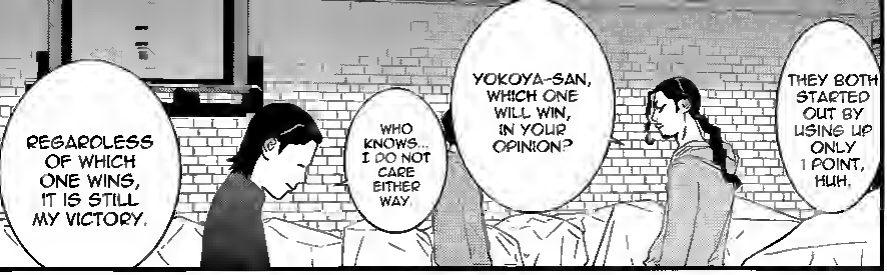
UNCHANGINGLY BECOMING THE SCHOOL RULER.
AND IN ALL OF THEM, I SUCCEEDED,

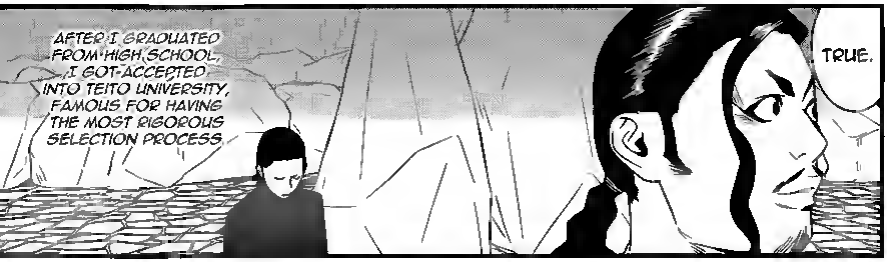
AFTER ALL, I'M SOMEONE WHO WAS BORN AND SCHOOLED TO BE A RULER
THAT MISSION WAS EXTREMELY EASY TO ME.
THE TIME IS UP!

BATTLE!!!

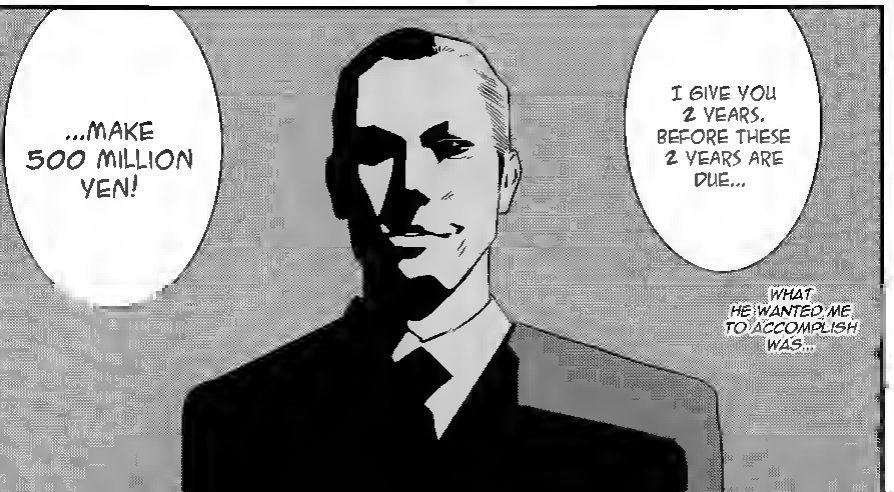

WITHOUT FURTHER ADO
AT LAST, OUR GAME CAME DOWN TO THE FACEOFF BETWEEN THE LAST TWO KINGDOMS, WU AND SHU


OOO
OH!!!
LP 17
WU
呉
-1
-1
蜀
SHU
LP 17

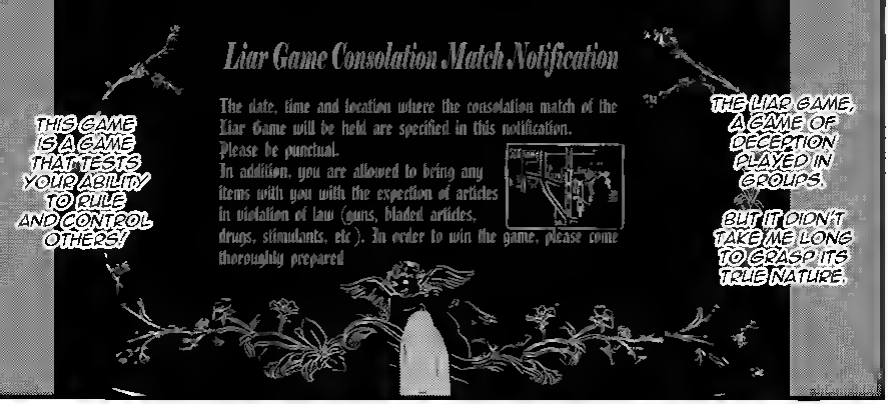

REGARDLESS OF WHICH ONE WINS, IT IS STILL MY VICTORY.
WHO KNOWS... I DO NOT CARE EITHER WAY.
YOKOYA-SAN, WHICH ONE WILL WIN, IN YOUR OPINION?
THEY BOTH STARTED OUT BY USING UP ONLY 1 POINT, HUH.


AFTER I GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL, I GOT ACCEPTED INTO TEITO UNIVERSITY, FAMOUS FOR HAVING THE MOST RIGOROUS SELECTION PROCESS.
TRUE.

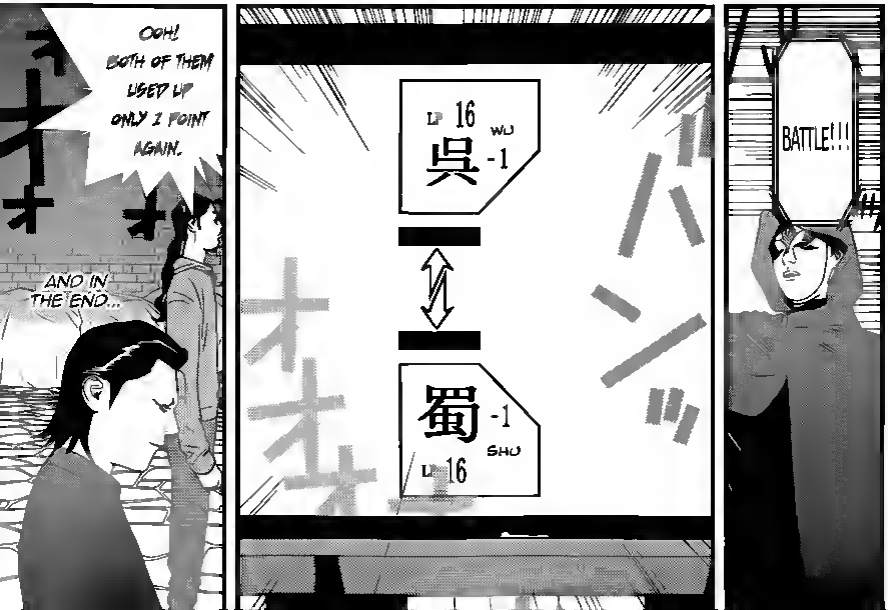
THE "LAST ASSIGNMENT" FATHER TASKED WITH WAS A CONSIDERABLY MORE DIFFICULT CHALLENGE IN COMPARISON.
ALTHOUGH THAT UNIVERSITY IS CONSIDERED TO BE THE MOST DIFFICULT, STUDYING THERE WAS INCREDIBLY EASY AND BORING TO ME.


...MAKE 500 MILLION YEN!
I GIVE YOU 2 YEARS. BEFORE THESE 2 YEARS ARE DUE...
WHAT HE WANTED ME TO ACCOMPLISH WAS...

500 MILLION IS POCKET CHANGE. IF YOU CAN'T MAKE AT LEAST THAT MUCH ON YOUR OWN, THERE'S NO WAY YOU'D EVER BECOME A RULER.
YES.
500... MILLION?
AT THE TIME, I WAS TOO OPTIMISTIC, THINKING THAT I COULD EARN 500 MILLION IN LESS THAN A YEAR.
AND I PROMISE I WILL MAKE IT!
I UNDER-STAND.
I'VE BEEN GAMBLING ON THE STOCK MARKETS AND FOREX THIS PAST YEAR...
HMM.
BUT IN REALITY IT WAS EASIER SAID THAN DONE...
AT THIS RATE, REACHING THE 500 MILLION MARK IN THE YEAR I HAVE LEFT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY.
AND FINALLY MADE MY FIRST 100 MILLION JUST NOW...
...THE LIAR GAME.
THAT'S WHEN I CAME ACROSS [1]
HMMM IS THERE SOMETHING ELSE I COULD GIVE A TRY [2]


Liar Game Consolation Match Notification
The date, time and location where the consolation match of the Liar Game will be held are specified in this notification. Please be punctual.
In addition, you are allowed to bring any items with you with the expection of articles in violation of law (guns, bladed articles, drugs, stimulants, etc). In order to win the game, please come thoroughly prepared
THIS GAME IS A GAME THAT TESTS YOUR ABILITY TO RULE AND CONTROL OTHERS!
THE LIAR GAME, A GAME OF DECEPTION PLAYED IN GROUPS.
BUT IT DIDN'T TAKE ME LONG TO GRASP ITS TRUE NATURE.

BEFORE LONG, I FOUND A WAY TO PARTICIPATE IN IT.
AS SUCH, TO ME, A FUTURE RULER TRAINED TO REIGN, THIS GAME WAS A FITTING STAGE.


OOH! BOTH OF THEM USED UP ONLY 1 POINT AGAIN.
AND IN THE END...
LP 16 WU 呉 -1
-1 蜀 SHU LP 16
BATTLE!!!

BY TAKING DOWN BOTH AKIYAMA AND KANZAKI, I HAVE WON A COMPLETE AND UN-QUESTIONABLE VICTORY!!!
...I EMERGED VICTORIOUS!
I HAVE MADE MORE MONEY THAN HE HAD REQUESTED!
I HAVE ALSO FULFILLED THE ASSIGNMENT FATHER TASKED ME WITH
NO, THAT IS WRONG!
!?
I MAY BE ABLE TO CLAIM TO HAVE STOOD AS FATHER'S EQUAL AT LONG LAST.
WITH THIS,

YOU ARE SAYING THAT YOU ARE GOING TO BECOME A RULER,
BUT YOU DO NOT EVEN TRY TO ESCAPE YOUR SUPREME FATHER'S RULE!
WHAT IS THE MATTER, YOKOYA-SAN?
NO, IT IS NOTHING
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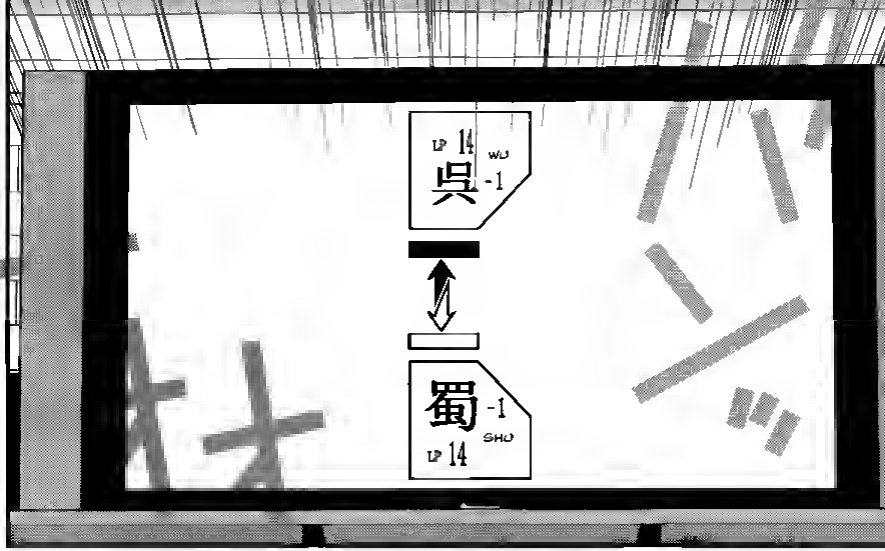
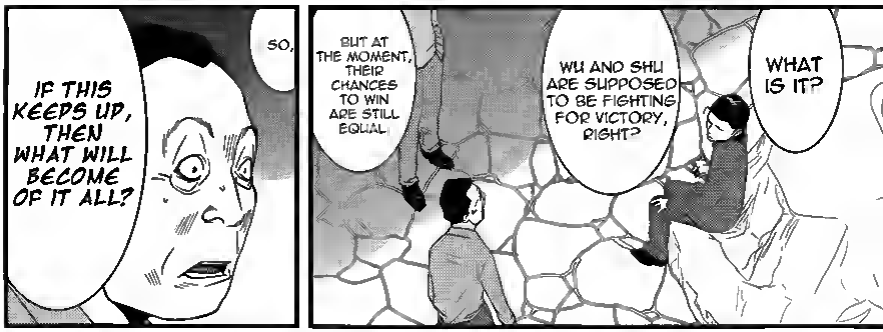
?
NOTHING AT ALL.
WELL THEN,
BATTLE!!!

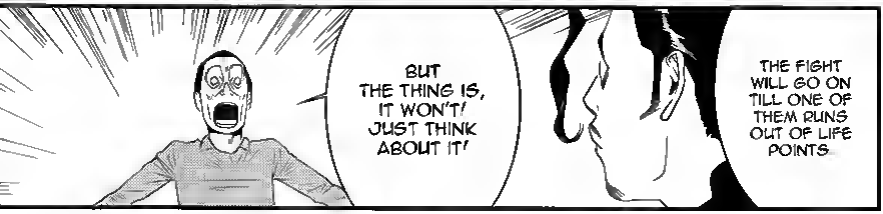

LP 14
呉
WU
-1
-1
蜀
SHU
LP 14

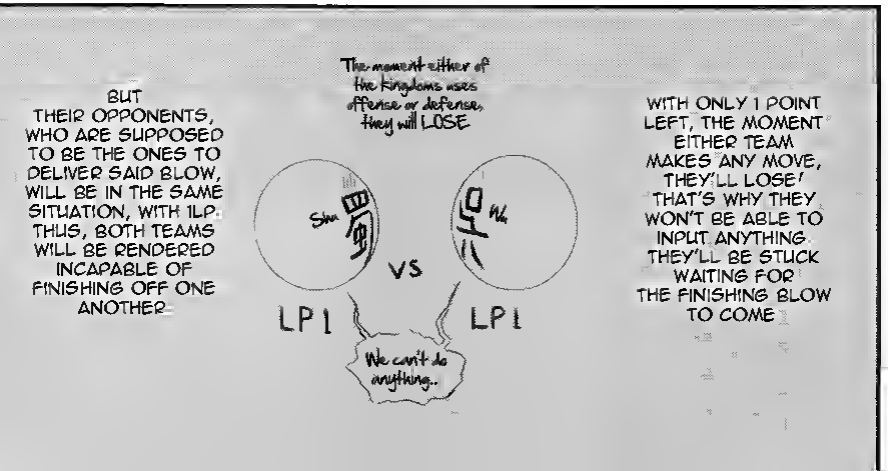
HUH?!
I DON'T CARE JUST GET THIS WORTH-LESS DUEL OVER WITH ALREADY
NICE FIGHT. WHICH ONE WILL WIN, I WONDER
AH, AN ATTACK, FINALLY


SO,
IF THIS KEEPS UP, THEN WHAT WILL BECOME OF IT ALL?
BUT AT THE MOMENT, THEIR CHANCES TO WIN ARE STILL EQUAL
WU AND SHU ARE SUPPOSED TO BE FIGHTING FOR VICTORY, RIGHT?
WHAT IS IT?

THEN IMAGINE THE CURRENT SITUATION NOT CHANGING ALL THE WAY TILL THE END—!
KEEP GOING?
THEY'LL JUST KEEP GOING AT IT TILL ONE OF THEM GOES UNDER
WHAT D'YOU MEAN, "WHAT"? IT'S OBVIOUS, NO?

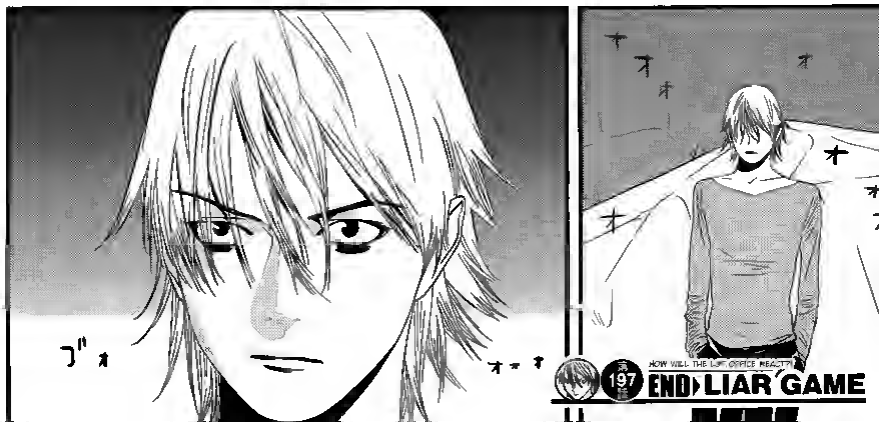
WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN BOTH WU AND SHU HAVE ONLY 1 LIFE POINT LEFT?!


BUT THE THING IS, IT WON'T! JUST THINK ABOUT IT!
THE FIGHT WILL GO ON TILL ONE OF THEM RUNS OUT OF LIFE POINTS


BUT THEIR OPPONENTS, WHO ARE SUPPOSED TO BE THE ONES TO DELIVER SAID BLOW, WILL BE IN THE SAME SITUATION, WITH 1LP. THUS, BOTH TEAMS WILL BE RENDERED INCAPABLE OF FINISHING OFF ONE ANOTHER
The moment either of the kingdoms uses offense or defense, they will LOSE
Shu
Wu
VS
LP1
LP1
We can't do anything..
WITH ONLY 1 POINT LEFT, THE MOMENT EITHER TEAM MAKES ANY MOVE, THEY'LL LOSE! THAT'S WHY THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO INPUT ANYTHING THEY'LL BE STUCK WAITING FOR THE FINISHING BLOW TO COME

NO MATTER HOW LONG WE WAIT, THE GAME WILL NOT END... WHAT IF IT REALLY COMES DOWN TO THIS?!
THE GAME WILL BE DEADLOCK-ED, WITH NO WAY OUT.
HAAH?!
!!
THAT IS PRECISE-LY...
...WHAT AKIYAMA'S PLAN TO TURN THE TABLES AROUND IS.
DON'T TELL ME...?
FUFUFU THAT IS RIGHT.
AAA AH!
WHAA AAT?!

IT IS THE ONLY LOOPHOLE IN THE RULES OF THIS GAME. IF BY THE END THE LAST TWO KINGDOMS EACH HAVE 1 LIFE POINT LEFT, THE GAME WILL REACH A DEADLOCK...
!!
AKIYAMA WAS AIMING FOR FROM THE VERY BEGINNING.
AND THAT IS WHAT AKIYAMA
WE WILL PLAY IT TOMORROW, THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW, THE DAY AFTER THAT ... ENDLESSLY...
THERE IS NOT MUCH CHOICE, IS THERE? IT WILL CONTINUE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES
WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF THE GAME STALE-MATES?!
WAIT A SECOND, WAIT A SECOND!
RABLAIS-SAN, DO YOU UNDERSTAND THE IMPLICATIONS OF SUCH A SITUATION?
BUT IF WE DO NOT, THE LIAR GAME WILL FALL THROUGH
AS IF WE CAN AFFORD TO BE PLAYING IT FOR 3-4 DAYS!!!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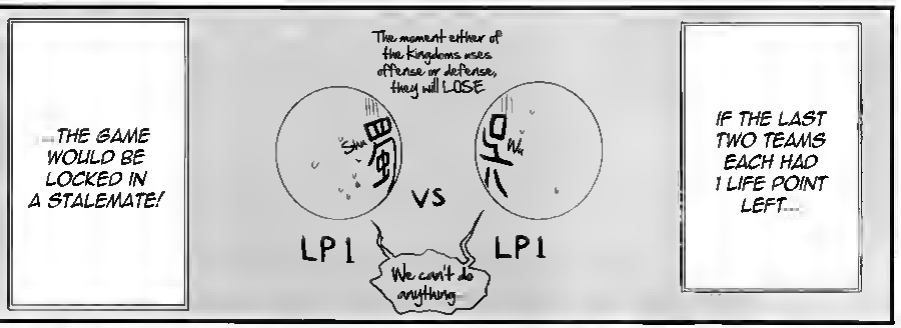
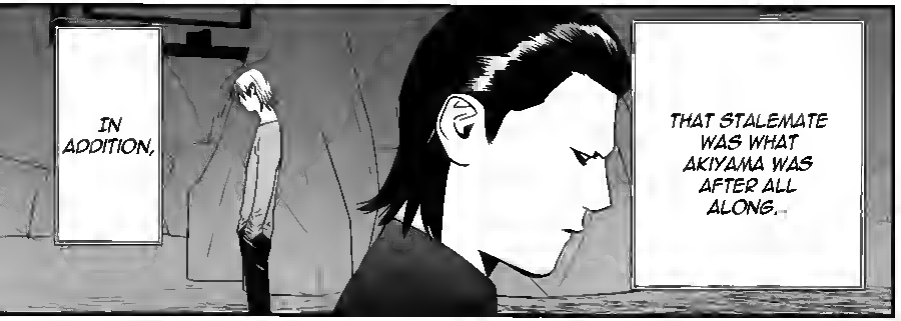

...THE GAME WOULD BE LOCKED IN A STALEMATE!
The moment either of the Kingdoms uses offense or defense, they will LOSE
VS
LP1
LP1
We can't do anything...
IF THE LAST TWO TEAMS EACH HAD 1 LIFE POINT LEFT...



IT ALSO DOUBLED AS HIS CHALLENGE TO US THE LGT OFFICE!

I do not mind
people being
foolish
My heart
will not cast
away hope
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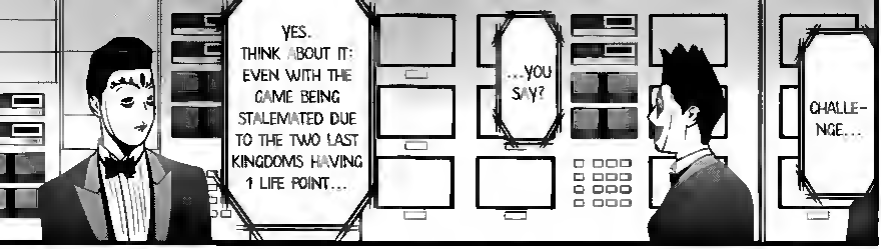
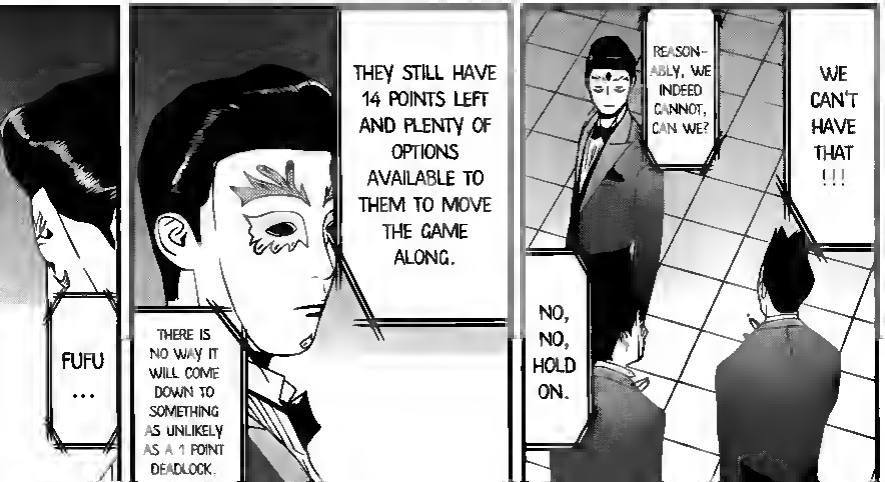

YES. THINK ABOUT IT: EVEN WITH THE GAME BEING STALEMATED DUE TO THE TWO LAST KINGDOMS HAVING 1 LIFE POINT...
...YOU SAY?
CHALLE-NGE...

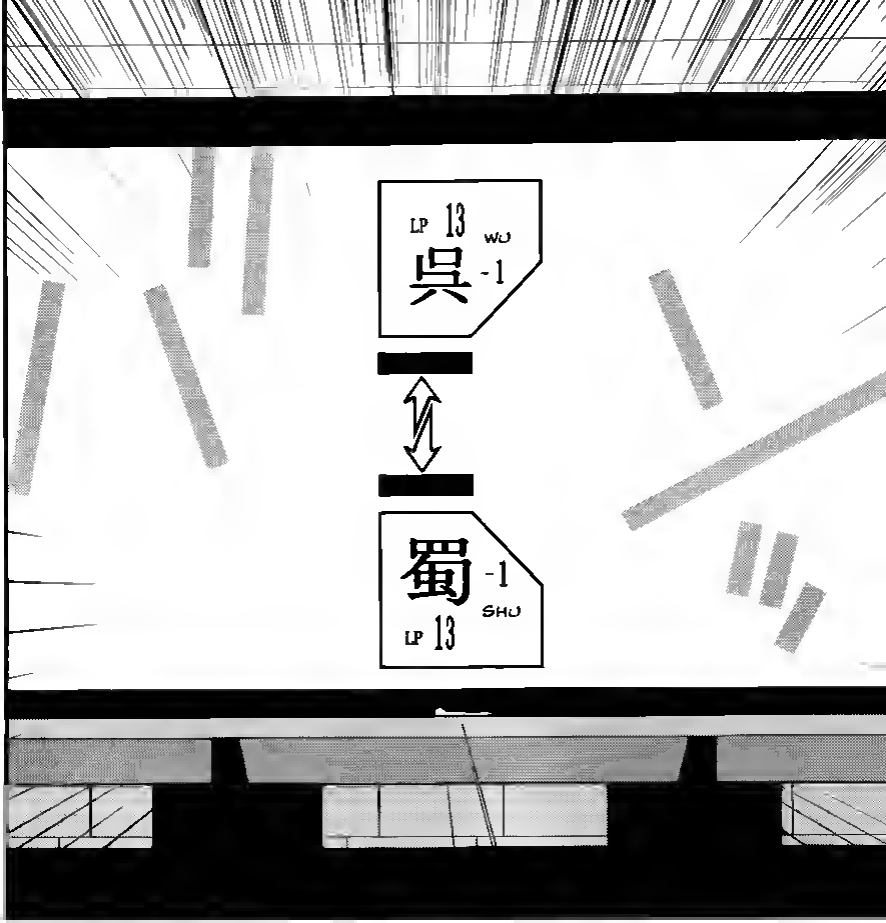
...WILL HAVE TO STICK WITH IT NO MATTER HOW LONG THE GAME LASTS.
...WE HAVE NO RULE TO END THE GAME... AND...

A WEEK... NO, IT MIGHT EVEN TAKE MORE THAN 10 DAYS
.....
3 DAYS, 4 DAYS ..


FUFU ...
THERE IS NO WAY IT WILL COME DOWN TO SOMETHING AS UNLIKELY AS A 1 POINT DEADLOCK.
THEY STILL HAVE 14 POINTS LEFT AND PLENTY OF OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO THEM TO MOVE THE GAME ALONG.
NO, NO, HOLD ON.
REASON-ABLY, WE INDEED CANNOT, CAN WE?
WE CAN'T HAVE THAT !!!

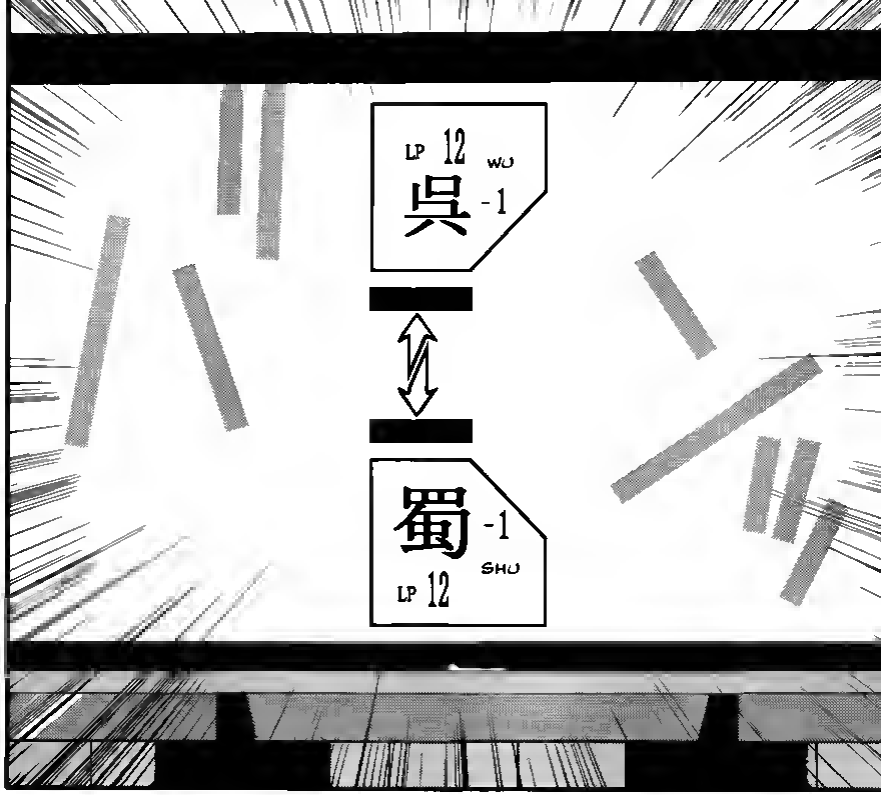
I HAVE TO WONDER ABOUT THAT.
WELL,
IS IT REALLY THAT DANGER-OUS?!
HUH?! WHAT'S WRONG, YOKOYA-SAN?!
...
WELL, IT IS TRUE THAT NOTHING GOOD WILL COME OUT OF THE PROLONGED STASIS, BUT.
NO... NO REASON TO WORRY
TRUE
TOTA-LLY
TAKING THAT INTO CONSIDERATION, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE STALE-MATE TO CONTINUE TILL THE VERY END.
PRESENTLY BOTH KINGDOMS STILL HAVE AS MANY AS 14 POINTS EACH

BECAUSE IT'S TRUE.
YOKOYA IS SAYING THE SAME THING AS YOU.
THE TIME IS UP!
WELL THEN...
IT'S ABOUT TIME THEY MADE SOME MOVE, NO?
PRESENTLY, WU AND SHU ARE LOCKED IN A STALEMATE. WILL IT BE BROKEN IN THIS ROUND?
!?
!?
BATTLE!!!


LP 13
WU
呉 -1
蜀 -1
SHU
LP 13

STILL A TIE, HUH ...
OOH.
!!

IN THE NEXT ROUND OR SO THIS STALEMATE IS BOUND TO BREAK DOWN.
IT IS FINE.
THEIR LPS ARE STILL THE SAME ...
...
I AGREE!
BATTLE!!!
I'M SURE WE'LL SEE SOME ACTION IN THIS ROUND AT LAST.
HAVE BOTH THE WU AND SHU KINGDOMS FINISHED INPUTTING THEIR STRATEGIES?
THE TIME IS UP!
BUT IN THE NEXT ROUND...
!?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WU
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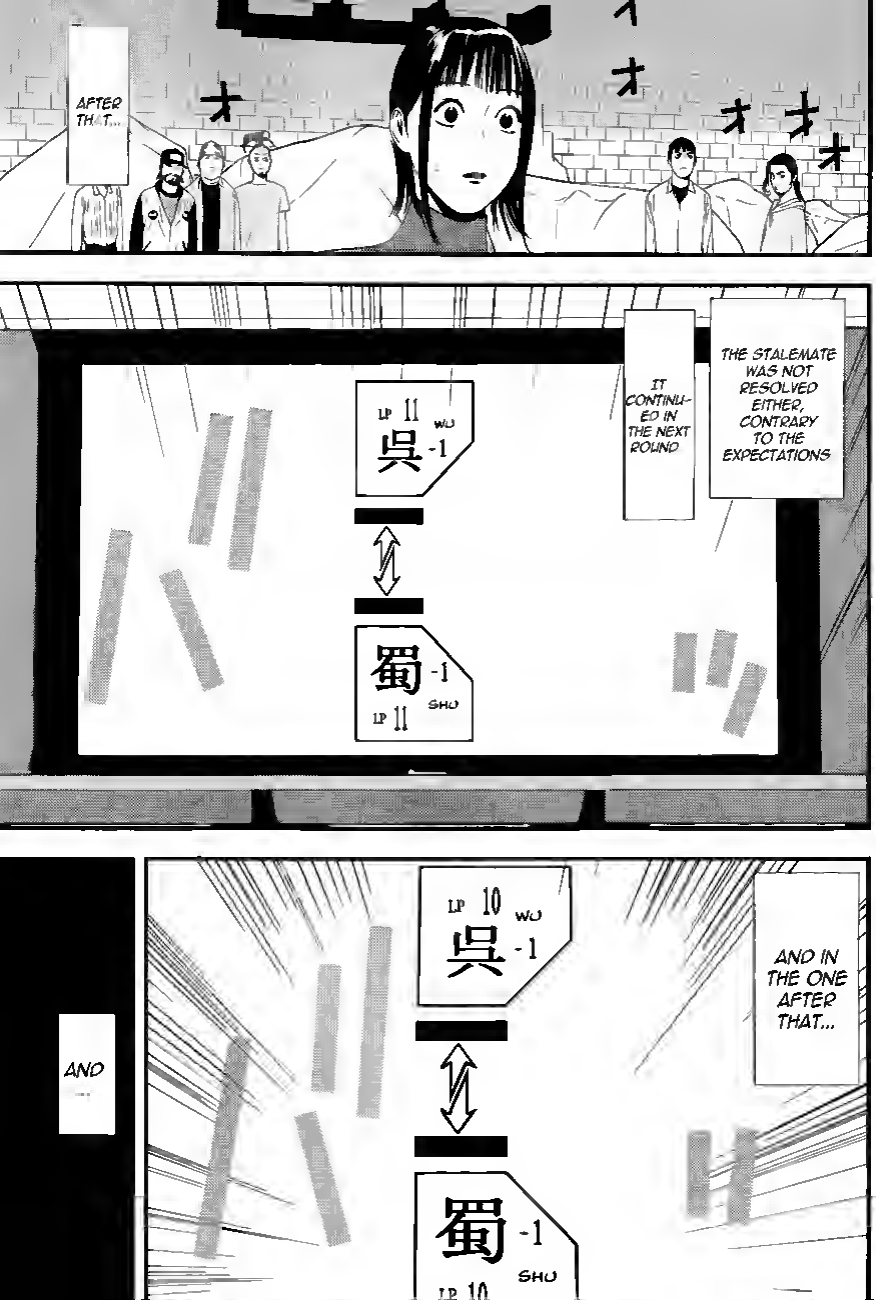
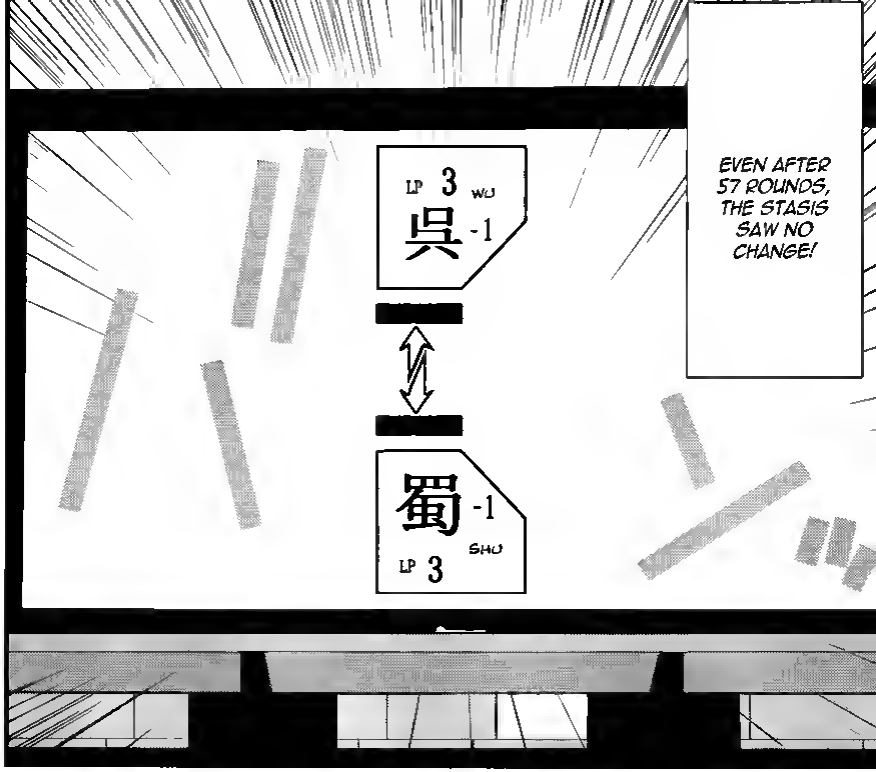
SHU
LP 12

!!

A PERFECT TIE AGAIN!!!
AAH!!!


AFTER THAT...
THE STALEMATE WAS NOT RESOLVED EITHER, CONTRARY TO THE EXPECTATIONS
IT CONTINUED IN THE NEXT ROUND
LP 11
WU
呉
-1
蜀
-1
SHU
LP 11
AND ...
AND IN THE ONE AFTER THAT...
LP 10
WU
呉
-1
蜀
-1
SHU
LP 10

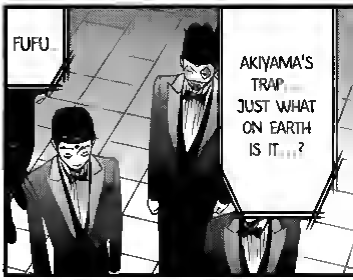

EVEN AFTER 57 ROUNDS, THE STASIS SAW NO CHANGE!
LP 3 WU
呉 -1
蜀 -1
LP 3 SHU

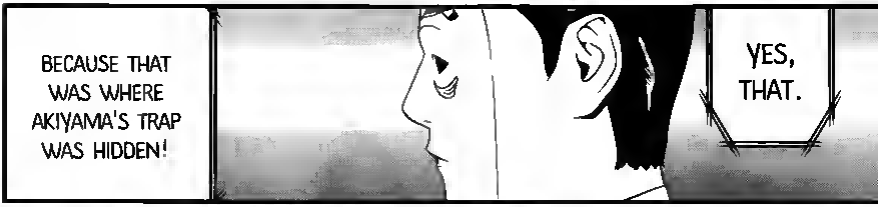
STILL A TIE!!!
WHOO OA!!!
!!

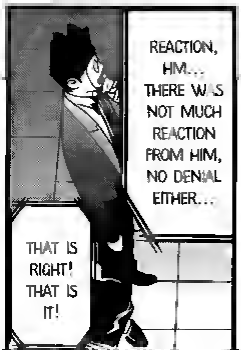
FU FU.
THEY'RE DOWN TO 3 POINTS EACH, AND YET NEITHER —!!!
AAH!!!

AKIYAMA'S TRAP IS WORKING, IT SEEMS.
...TRAP?!
AKIYAMA'S
!?
GLANCE
THEY'RE DOWN TO 3 POINTS AND STILL TIED!!!
YOKOYA-SAN!!!
:

SHE SAID THAT IF AKIYAMA'S TEAM WON, EVERYBODY WOULD BE SAVED... AND THAT THERE WAS A RICH GUY AMONG THE PLAYERS, SO IF THEY USED HIS MONEY, NO ONE WOULD HAVE TO BE LOSERS... YOU MEANT THAT, RIGHT?
YES, I DO.
DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT KANZAKI SAID ABOUT THE SUREFIRE WAY TO WIN THIS GAME RIGHT AFTER ITS START?


FUFU...
AKIYAMA'S TRAP... JUST WHAT ON EARTH IS IT...?

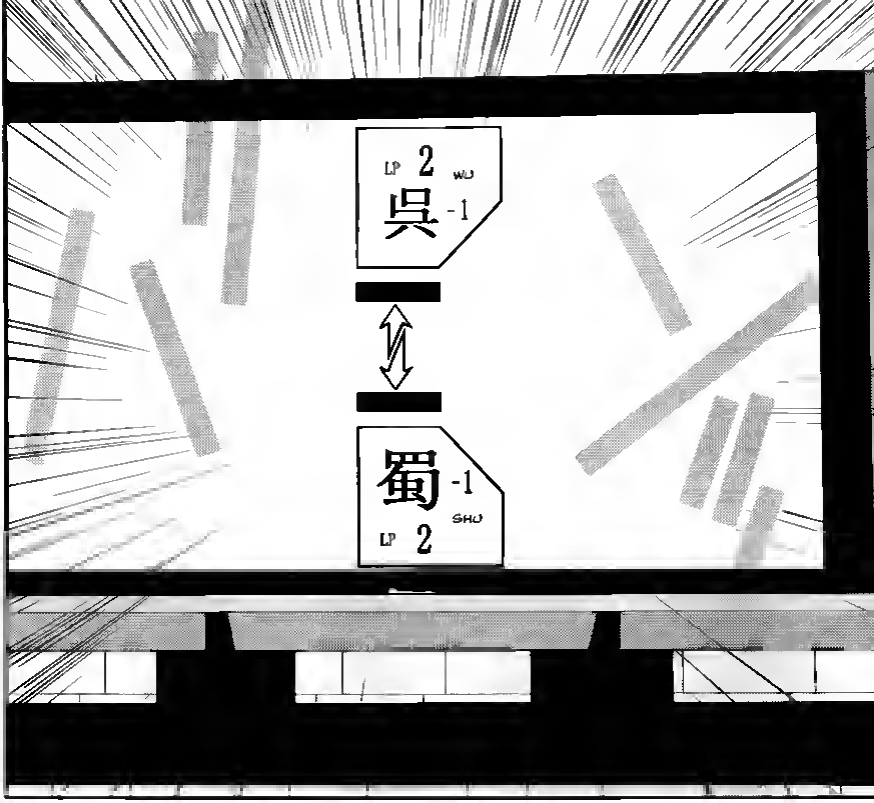

BECAUSE THAT WAS WHERE AKIYAMA'S TRAP WAS HIDDEN!
YES, THAT.


REACTION, HIM... THERE WAS NOT MUCH REACTION FROM HIM, NO DENIAL EITHER...
THAT IS RIGHT! THAT IS IT!

PLEASE RECALL WHAT YOKOYA'S REACTION TO KANZAKI'S STATEMENT WAS...
UM, I STILL DO NOT UNDER-STAND IT AT ALL ...

!?
AND YOKOYA FELL FOR IT HOOK, LINE AND SINKER.

...SHOULD HAVE VEHEMENTLY DENIED THE PLAN KANZAKI SUGGESTED.
AT THE TIME, YOKOYA ...
THAT WAS YOKOYA'S BIGGEST MISTAKE.
THE TIME IS UP!!!
WHICH WILL RESOLVE THE STALEMATE? I'M SURE OF IT!
AT LEAST ONE OF THEM IS BOUND TO GO WITH THE NO ACTIONS OPTION.
WELL THEN...
THE GAME IS NEARING ITS END, AND THIS IS WHERE THEY ARE PLANNING TO WAGE A WAR.
THIS IS IT. THIS IS WHERE THE STALEMATE WILL BE BROKEN. THEY SIMPLY HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR AN OPPORTUNE MOMENT.
I TRUST BOTH WE AND SHU ARE FINISHED WITH INPUTTING THEIR RESPECTIVE ACTIONS?
!?
BATTLE!!!


LP 2
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蜀 -1
SHU
LP 2

THEY'RE STILL TIED AND DOWN TO 2 POINTS!!!
AAAAA AAH!!!
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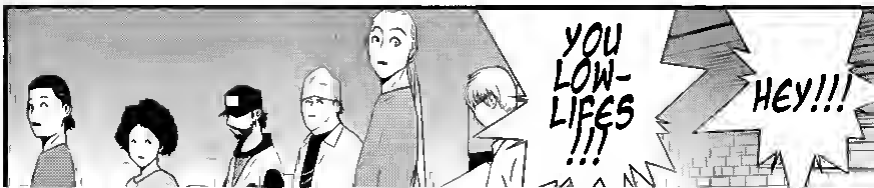

YOU LOW-LIFES!!!
HEY!!!

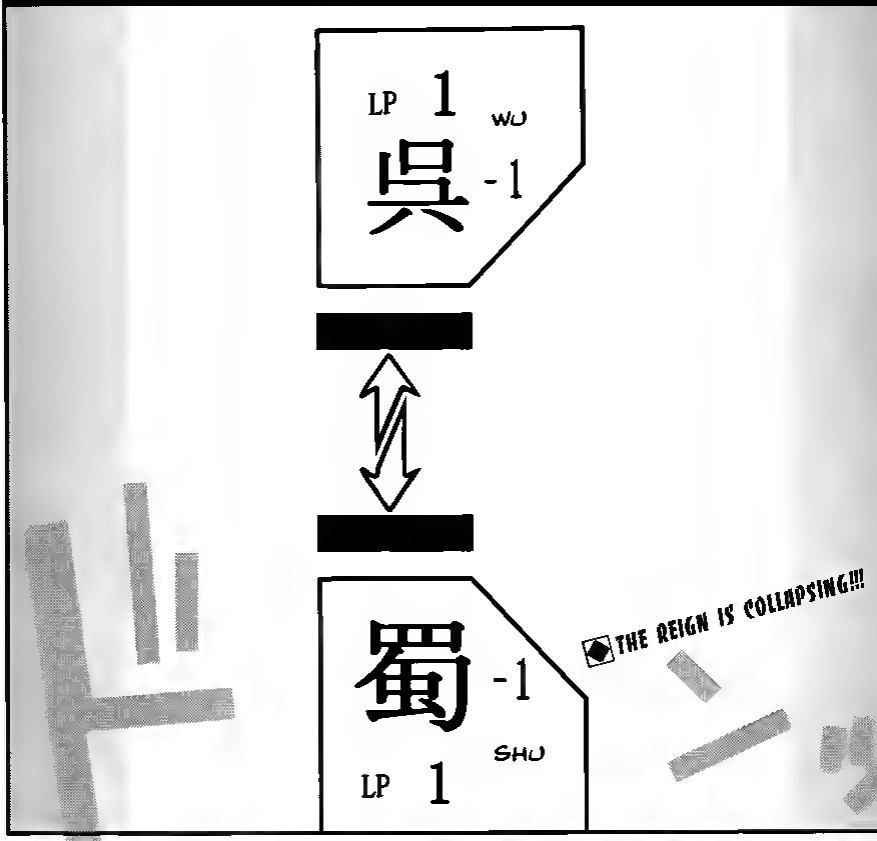
IF YOU DON'T, NO WAY IN HELL YOU'LL EVER WIN!!! GET IT THROUGH YOUR THICK SKULLS, BONE-HEADS!!!
STOP SCREWING AROUND AND GET ON WITH THE FIGHT ALREADY !!!
YES, HE SHOULD HAVE
YOKOYA SHOULD HAVE DENIED WHAT KANZAKI SAID ...?
LERONIRA-SAN, I STILL DO NOT UNDER-STAND...
YOKOYA'S NOT DENYING KANZAKI'S WORDS IN TIME LED TO A CERTAIN IMPRESSION PLANTED INTO THE PLAYERS' MINDS THAT IS NOW DICTATING THE GAME... TO BE EXACT!!
IT IS PRECISELY BECAUSE AKIYAMA EXPECTED YOKOYA'S REASONING TO BE ALONG THOSE LINES THAT HE HAD KANZAKI SAY WHAT SHE DID.
I'LL GO AS FAR AS SAY THAT THERE WAS EVEN THE RISK OF CREATING CONFUSION AND DISRUPTING HIS PLANS IF HIS PROTESTS WENT WRONG.
BUT THERE WAS NO REAL NEED FOR HIM TO PROTEST, NOW WAS THERE? AFTER ALL, KANZAKI'S SO CALLED SUREFIRE WAY TO WIN LEFT MUCH TO BE DESIRED, AND YOKOYA HIMSELF HAD A FAR BETTER PLAN PREPARED.

Who's that rich guy?
Who?
Which one?
Who?
SHU
蜀
WU
呉
Who?
Who?
Who?
EVERY ONE OF THE 8 PLAYERS OF WU AND SHU BELIEVES THAT THE RICH PERSON KANZAKI MENTIONED IS ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE KINGDOM HE BELONGS TO.

AAH!!!
!!!

THE TIME IS UP!!!

ONE OF THEM HAS TO GO WITH THE NO ACTIONS OPTION AT THE VERY LEAST!!!
THIS IS IT! NOW THAT THEY'RE DOWN TO 2 POINTS, THEY HAVE NO CHOICE, BUT TO FIGHT!!!
THIS STASIS WILL END HERE AND NOW!!!
IT'S GOING TO BE OK!
BATTLE!!!
WELL THEN ...
!!


LP 1
WU
呉
-1
THE REIGN IS COLLAPSING!!!
蜀
-1
SHU
LP 1

THEY'RE DOWN TO 1 POINT EACH!!!
AAAA AAAA AH!!!
...
NEXT TIME: WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO "THE FROZEN GAME"?
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END▸LIAR GAME

BECAUSE YOKOYA MADE NO EFFORT TO DENY THE EXISTENCE OF ANOTHER RICH PERSON AMONG THE PLAYERS IT LED THE MEMBERS OF WU AND SHU TO HAVE THE IMPRESSION...
THAT IS RIGHT...
!!!
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Impression
LIAR GAME
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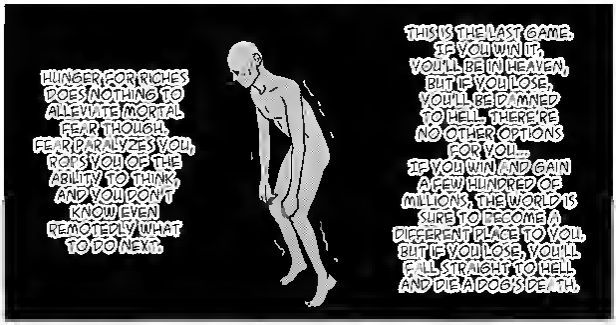
...THAT SAID RICH PERSON IS ONE OF THE 8 OF THEM!
Who?
Which one?
Which one of them is the rich guy?
呉
蜀

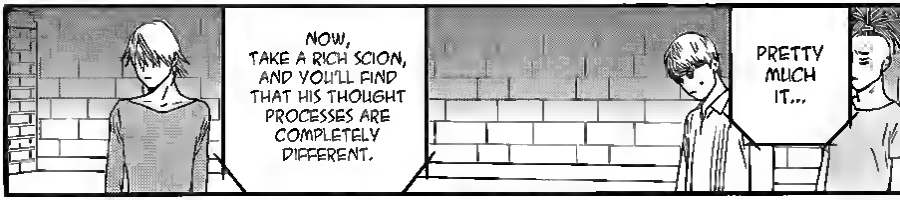
ACTUALLY, BEFORE THE 23RD ROUND OF THE BATTLE, AKIYAMA HAD THIS KIND OF TALK WITH THE 4 MEMBERS OF SHU.
REPLAY
YO!
I'VE ALREADY GIVEN UP ON WINNING.
NO NEED TO BE SO WARY, BEEZ.
.....
FUFUFU— I WISH YOU LUCK IN DEFEATING WU AT THE END, THEN
.....
..SO?
ACCORDING TO WHICH THE LAST STANDOFF IS SUPPOSED TO BE BETWEEN SHU AND WU, I ASSUME.
I LOST TO YOU GUYS, FAIR AND SQUARE. YOU TOOK YOKOYA UP ON HIS OFFER AND ENTERED THE THREE KINGDOMS PACT, RIGHT?
THAT OTHER RICH GUY AMONG US THAT KANZAKI TALKED ABOUT IS?
HAVE YOU FIGURED OUT YET JUST WHO

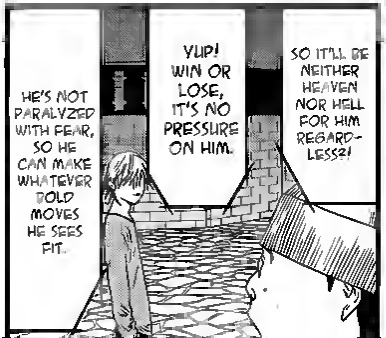
HUH?!
YOU'RE BEING WAY TOO IGNORANT OF PEOPLE'S CIRCUMSTANCES, HAVING THE NERVE TO ASK ME THAT, DON'T YOU THINK?
AKIYAMA... THAT OTHER RICH GUY, WHO'S HE...?
HEH, THAT'S HOW IT IS THEN...
YOU STILL DON'T KNOW?!
WHAT?!
...
...
YET YOU WANT ME TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO YOU, IS THAT IT?
YOU'RE THE REASON WHY OUR TEAM IS ON THE VERGE OF DEFEAT...
JUST KNOWING ABOUT THE EXISTENCE OF ANOTHER RICH GUY AMONG YOU SHOULD BE ALREADY ENOUGH FOR YOU!
YOU'RE OK AS IT IS.
HE'S RIGHT.
...
I CAN'T BELIEVE HOW CAREFREE YOU GUYS ARE...
WOW!
UM, SAY... IS NOT KNOWING THAT RICH GUY'S IDENTITY SOMEHOW DANGEROUS TO US?

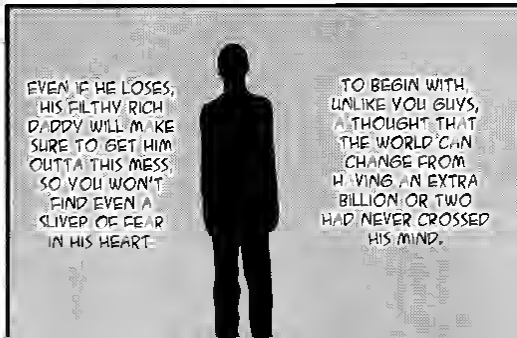
...HAVE A MENTALITY THAT'S NOTHING LIKE THAT OF PLAYERS HAILING FROM THE GENERAL MASSES.
YOU SEE, RICH PEOPLE...


HUNGER FOR RICHES DOES NOTHING TO ALLEVIATE MORTAL FEAR. THOUGH, FEAR PARALYZES YOU, ROBS YOU OF THE ABILITY TO THINK, AND YOU DON'T KNOW EVEN REMOTELY WHAT TO DO NEXT.
THIS IS THE LAST GAME. IF YOU WIN IT, YOU'LL BE IN HEAVEN, BUT IF YOU LOSE, YOU'LL BE DAMNED TO HELL. THERE'RE NO OTHER OPTIONS FOR YOU... IF YOU WIN AND GAIN A FEW HUNDRED OF MILLIONS, THE WORLD IS SURE TO BECOME A DIFFERENT PLACE TO YOU. BUT IF YOU LOSE, YOU'LL FALL STRAIGHT TO HELL AND DIE A DOG'S DEATH.

YOU GUYS HAVE A TYPICAL COMMONER'S MENTALITY AND RIGHT NOW YOU'RE PROBABLY EXPERIENCING SOMETHING ALONG THESE LINES:
!?

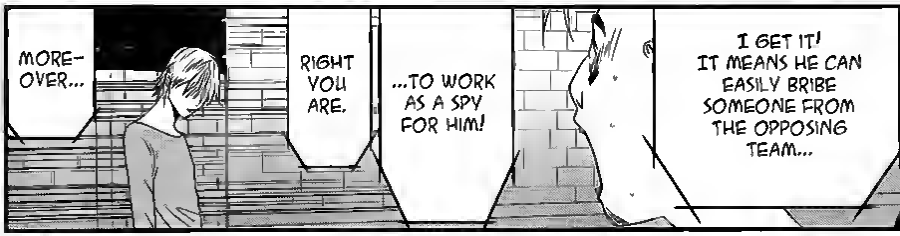

NOW, TAKE A RICH SCION, AND YOU'LL FIND THAT HIS THOUGHT PROCESSES ARE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT.
PRETTY MUCH IT...

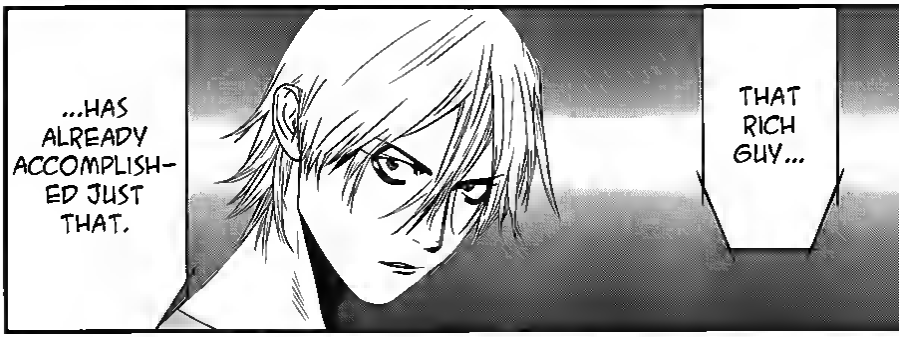

HE'S NOT PARALYZED WITH FEAR, SO HE CAN MAKE WHATEVER BOLD MOVES HE SEES FIT.
YUP! WIN OR LOSE, IT'S NO PRESSURE ON HIM.
SO IT'LL BE NEITHER HEAVEN NOR HELL FOR HIM REGARDLESS?!


EVEN IF HE LOSES, HIS FILTHY RICH DADDY WILL MAKE SURE TO GET HIM OUTTA THIS MESS SO YOU WON'T FIND EVEN A SLIVER OF FEAR IN HIS HEART.
TO BEGIN WITH, UNLIKE YOU GUYS, A THOUGHT THAT THE WORLD CAN CHANGE FROM HAVING AN EXTRA BILLION OR TWO HAD NEVER CROSSED HIS MIND.

ADD TO THAT THE SENSE OF VALUES VERY DIFFERENT FROM AN ORDINARY PERSON'S, AND YOU'LL GET SOMETHING EVEN MORE VICIOUS.
THAT FREEDOM OF MOVEMENTS AND DECISIONS IS WICKED.
IN FAVOR OF HIS OBSESSION WITH TAKING DOWN ME AND KANZAKI.
TAKE YOKOY, FOR EXAMPLE. THE DUDE'S FILTHY RICH, AND LOOK AT HOW EASILY HE'C, ST OFF THE CHANCE TO GAIN SOME BIG MONEY IN THIS FINAL.
THAT GUY'S WISH IS TO SEVER THE CONNECTION WITH SAID DAD WHO USED TO COVER FOR HIM.
THE OTHER RICH HEIR AMONG THE PLAYERS ALSO HAS HIS DADDY TO CLEAN UP HIS MESSES, BUT...
TRUE ...
...
--SO WHAT DOES IT MEAN?
--THAT'S WHAT.
THAT GUY'S BIGGEST BLUNDER IS THAT HE GOT INVOLVED WITH THE LIAR G, ME IN THE FIRST PLACE, BUT WH, T HE WANTS TO DO NOW IS TO OVERCOME THIS BIND WITHOUT RESORTING TO HIS FATHER'S POWER.
HIS TOPMOST PRIORITY IS TO GET AWAY FROM THE LIAR GAME WITHOUT LOSING.
THAT'S RIGHT! BEING A FEW TENS OF MILLIONS IN THE BLACK WOULD BE ENOUGH FOR HIM, I EXPECT.
I SEE! MAKING MONEY IS NOT HIS MAIN GOAL!

HE JUST WANTS TO WIN!
HE DOESN'T REALLY CARE IF MOST OF THE MONEY HE CAN GET FOR VICTORY WILL HAVE TO BE USED UP RIGHT AWAY,


MORE-OVER...
RIGHT YOU ARE.
...TO WORK AS A SPY FOR HIM!
I GET IT! IT MEANS HE CAN EASILY BRIBE SOMEONE FROM THE OPPOSING TEAM...


...HAS ALREADY ACCOMPLISH-ED JUST THAT.
THAT RICH GUY...

IN OTHER WORDS, AMONG THE 8 MEMBERS OF SHU AND WU, YOU HAVE A RICH GUY AND HIS SPY.
!!
!!

...
LATER.
OOPS... TIME FOR ME TO TAKE MY LEAVE.
...
...
CLEVER, AKIYAMA...
BUT BECAUSE THEY BELIEVED IN THE EXISTENCE OF ANOTHER RICH PERSON AMONG THEM, IT WAS NOT AT ALL HARD FOR THEM TO ALSO BELIEVE IN THE EXISTENCE OF A SPY...
FOR THE RECORD, AKIYAMA'S EVERY WORD WAS A LIE! THERE ARE NO RICH PERSONS OR SPIES AMONG THE 8 MEMBERS OF SHU AND WU
...SO THE MEMBERS OF WU ALSO...?
YES... THEY ALSO BELIEVE IN THE EXISTENCE OF A SPY... AS A NATURAL RESULT...
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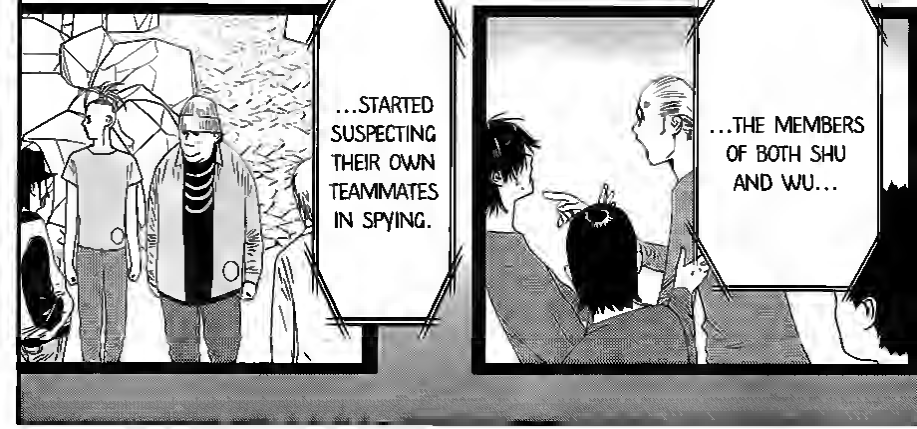
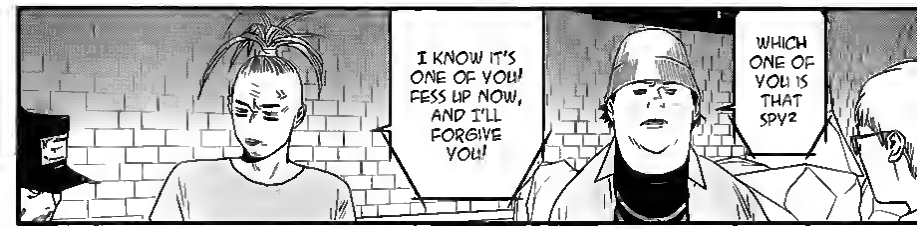
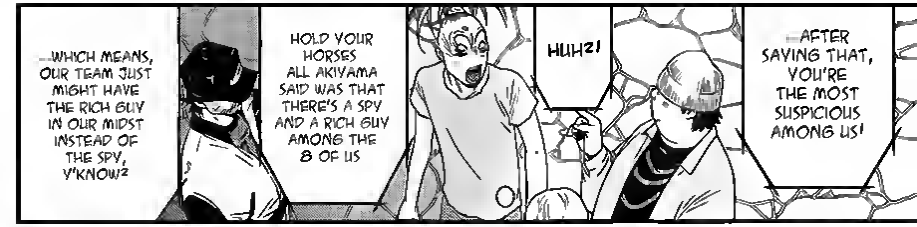
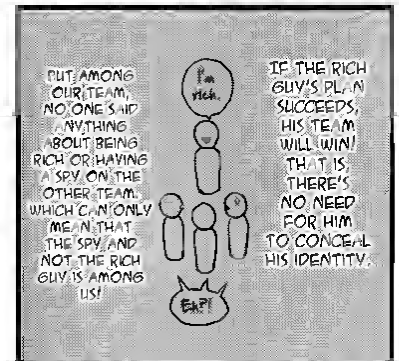
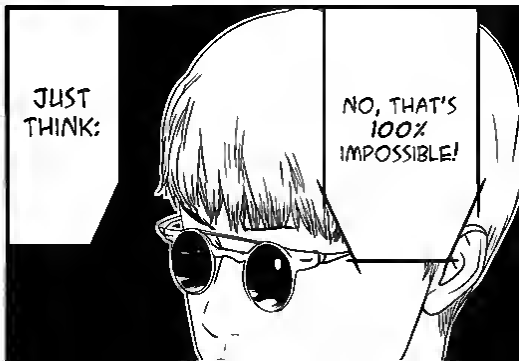
AKIYAMA SAID THE SAME THING TO THE MEMBERS OF WU AS WELL.
IN ADDITION, EARLIER...


...STARTED SUSPECTING THEIR OWN TEAMMATES IN SPYING.
...THE MEMBERS OF BOTH SHU AND WU...

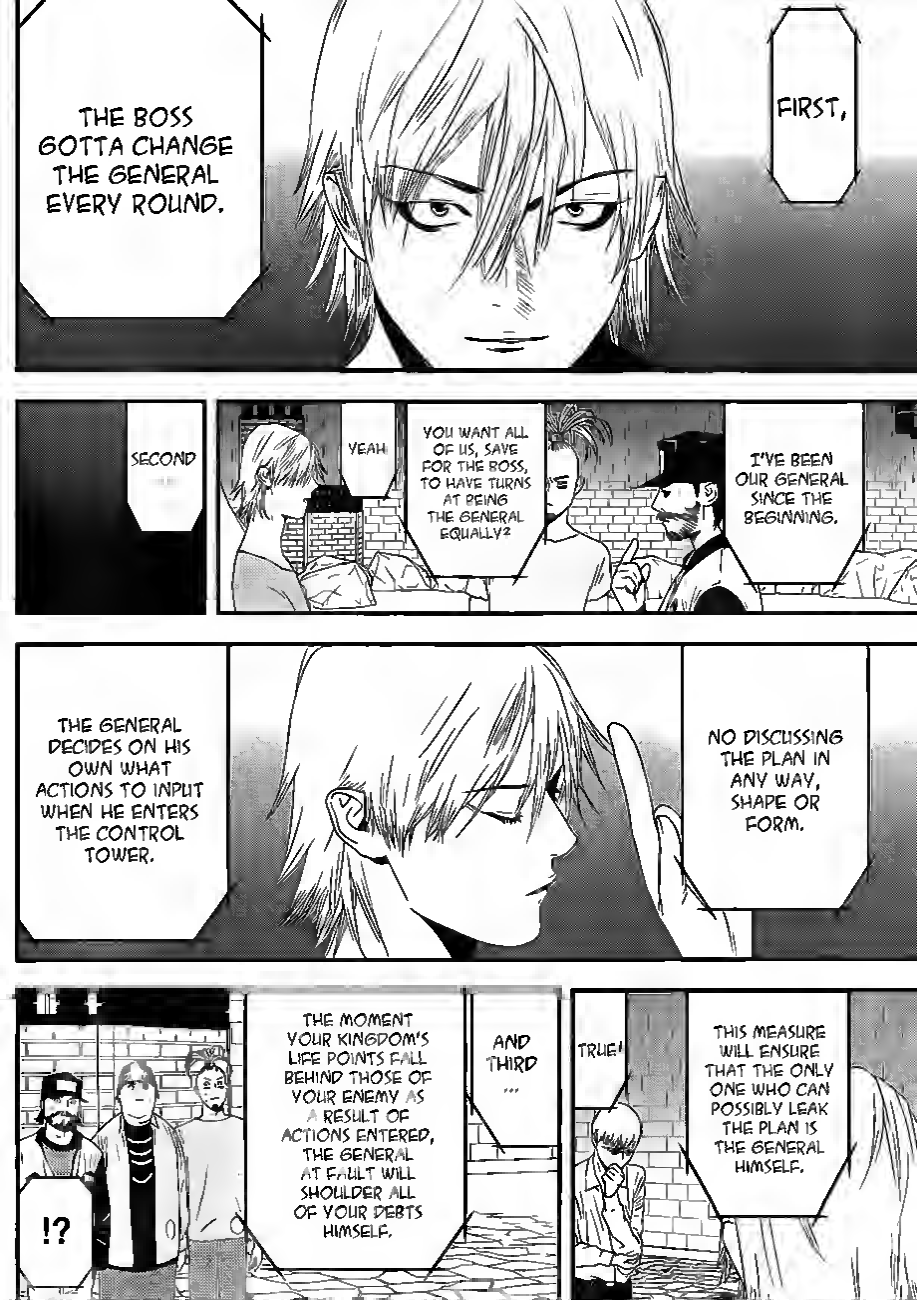

I KNOW IT'S ONE OF YOU! FESS UP NOW, AND I'LL FORGIVE YOU!
WHICH ONE OF YOU IS THAT SPY?


...WHICH MEANS, OUR TEAM JUST MIGHT HAVE THE RICH GUY IN OUR MIDST INSTEAD OF THE SPY, Y'KNOW?
HOLD YOUR HORSES ALL AKIYAMA SAID WAS THAT THERE'S A SPY AND A RICH GUY AMONG THE 8 OF US
HUH?!
...AFTER SAYING THAT, YOU'RE THE MOST SUSPICIOUS AMONG US!

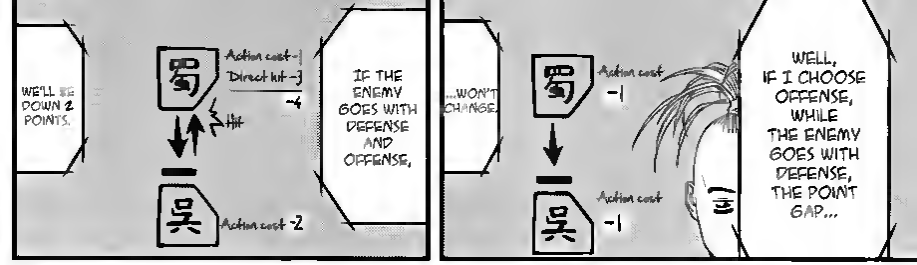

BUT AMONG OUR TEAM, NO ONE'S HIP ANYTHING ABOUT BEING RICH OR HAVING A SPY ON THE OTHER TEAM. WHICH CAN ONLY MEAN THAT THE SPY AND NOT THE RICH GUY IS AMONG US!
I'm rich.
IF THE RICH GUY'S PLAN SUCCEEDS, HIS TEAM WILL WIN! THAT IS, THERE'S NO NEED FOR HIM TO CONCEAL HIS IDENTITY.
Eh?!

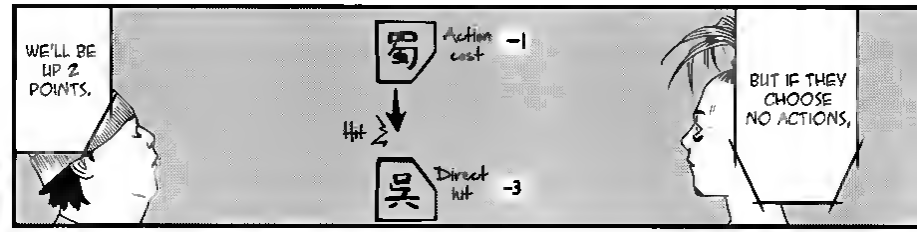

JUST THINK:
NO, THAT'S 100% IMPOSSIBLE!

AFTER ALL, BEING THE GENERAL, HE CAN ALWAYS INPUT WHATEVER ACTIONS HE WANTS.
OUR CURRENT GENERAL, ISHIKAWA, LOOKS SUSPICIOUS AS HELL, NO?
AH!
...SO WE'RE BACK WHERE WE STARTED. WHICH ONE OF YOU IS THE SPY?
AH, TRUE.
BEFORE I GO INPUT ANYTHING, THE 4 OF US DISCUSS THE PLAN ALL TOGETHER EVERY SINGLE TIME, REMEMBER?
IF I WANTED, I COULD'VE EASILY LEAKED OUR PLAN TO OUR ENEMIES WITHOUT GOING THROUGH SUCH TROUBLES.
LOOK, YOU
FUFUFU BUSY POINTING FINGERS, I SEE
I'M NOT A SPY, I SWEAR!
NO!
IF ANYTHING, TRYING TO DRESS ME UP AS A SPY MAKES YOU THE MOST SUSPICIOUS
AHH.
BUT SADLY, I DON'T KNOW WHO IT IS EITHER
...
IF I KNEW WHO THE SPY WAS, I COULD'VE EASILY STOPPED YOUR ARGUMENTS ONCE AND FOR ALL,
AKIYAMA!
?
IT'LL BE POSSIBLE TO VENTURE AN ACCURATE GUESS.
STILL IF YOU DO THE THREE THINGS I'M GONNA DESCRIBE NOW,


THE BOSS GOTTA CHANGE THE GENERAL EVERY ROUND.
FIRST,
SECOND
YEAH
YOU WANT ALL OF US, SAVE FOR THE BOSS, TO HAVE TURNS AT BEING THE GENERAL EQUALLY?
I'VE BEEN OUR GENERAL SINCE THE BEGINNING.
THE GENERAL DECIDES ON HIS OWN WHAT ACTIONS TO INPUT WHEN HE ENTERS THE CONTROL TOWER.
NO DISCUSSING THE PLAN IN ANY WAY, SHAPE OR FORM.
!?
THE MOMENT YOUR KINGDOM'S LIFE POINTS FALL BEHIND THOSE OF YOUR ENEMY AS A RESULT OF ACTIONS ENTERED, THE GENERAL AT FAULT WILL SHOULDER ALL OF YOUR DEBTS HIMSELF.
AND THIRD ...
TRUE!
THIS MEASURE WILL ENSURE THAT THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN POSSIBLY LEAK THE PLAN IS THE GENERAL HIMSELF.

BECAUSE IF THE POINT GAP IS BORN,
IT WILL PRETTY MUCH CONFIRM THAT THE ONE WHO WAS THE GENERAL ON THAT TURN IS THE SPY.
FU FU FU.
BUT THAT SOUNDS WRONG! IT'S NOT INCONCEIVABLE FOR AN INNOCENT MEMBER TO JUST BE OUTSMARTED AND LOSE AS A RESULT, SINCE THE GENERAL HAS TO DECIDE THE ACTIONS TO TAKE ALL ON HIS OWN!
!?
NOPE,
NOT A CHANCE.
JUST THINK LOGICALLY, AND YOU'LL SEE WHY.
WHEN IT'S JUST YOU AND WU LEFT, YOU'LL HAVE ONLY 4 POSSIBLE ACTIONS AT YOUR DISPOSAL.
① No action
② Only defense
③ Only offense
④ Defense and offense
WHICH ONE OF THEM WOULD YOU CHOOSE?
EH?!
ASKING ME TO DECIDE SO SUDDENLY

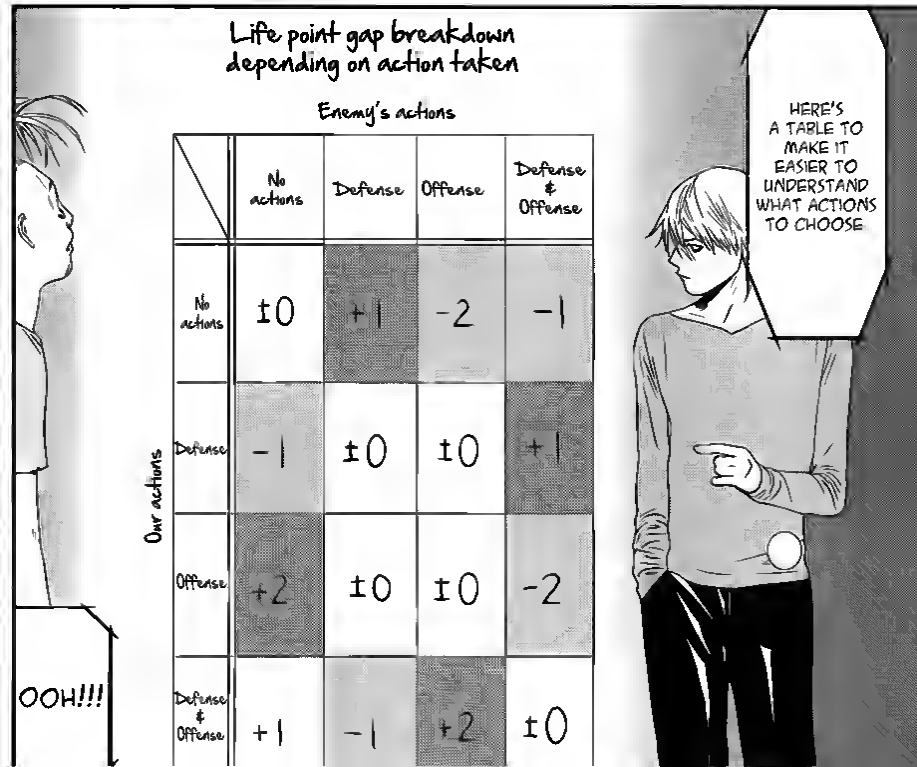


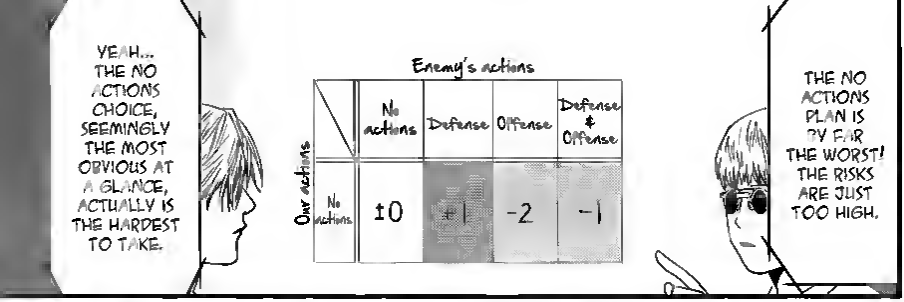


Life point gap breakdown depending on action taken

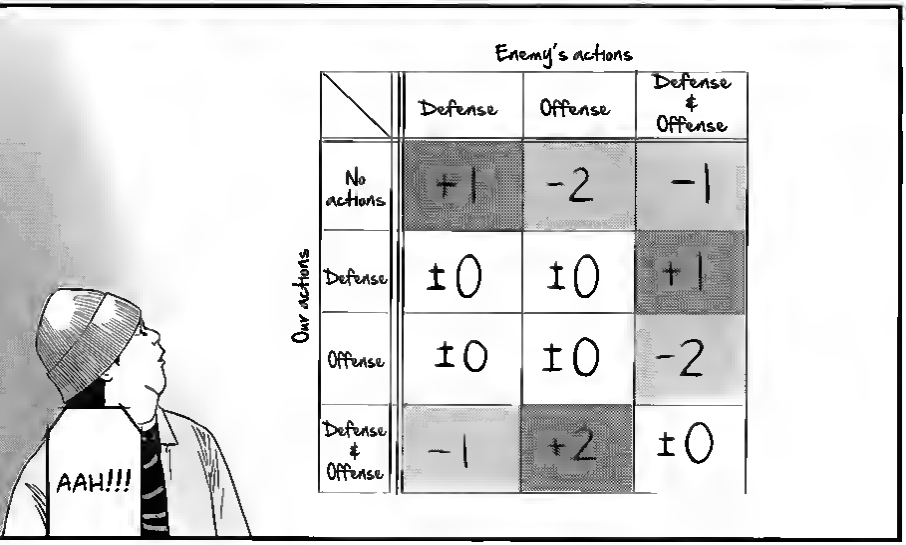
Enemy's actions

Our actions \ Enemy's actions	No actions	Defense	Offense	Defense & Offense
No actions	±0	+1	-2	-1
Defense	-1	±0	±0	+1
Offense	+2	±0	±0	-2
Defense & Offense	+1	-1	+2	±0




YEAH... THE NO ACTIONS CHOICE, SEEMINGLY THE MOST OBVIOUS AT A GLANCE, ACTUALLY IS THE HARDEST TO TAKE.
Enemy's actions
Our actions
No actions
Defense
Offense
Defense & Offense
No actions
±0
+1
-2
-1
THE NO ACTIONS PLAN IS BY FAR THE WORST! THE RISKS ARE JUST TOO HIGH.

HMMM...
SO, TAKING THAT INTO ACCOUNT, CAN YOU TELL WHICH OPTION WILL GIVE YOU THE BIGGEST ADVANTAGE?
...SINCE THE NO ACTIONS OPTION IS RISKY, THERE'S PRETTY MUCH NO CHANCE THAT THE OPPOSING TEAM WILL GO WITH IT...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+1
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Defense & Offense
-1
+2
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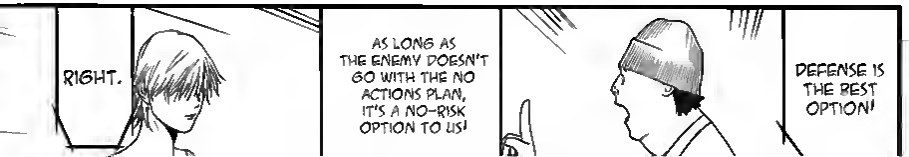
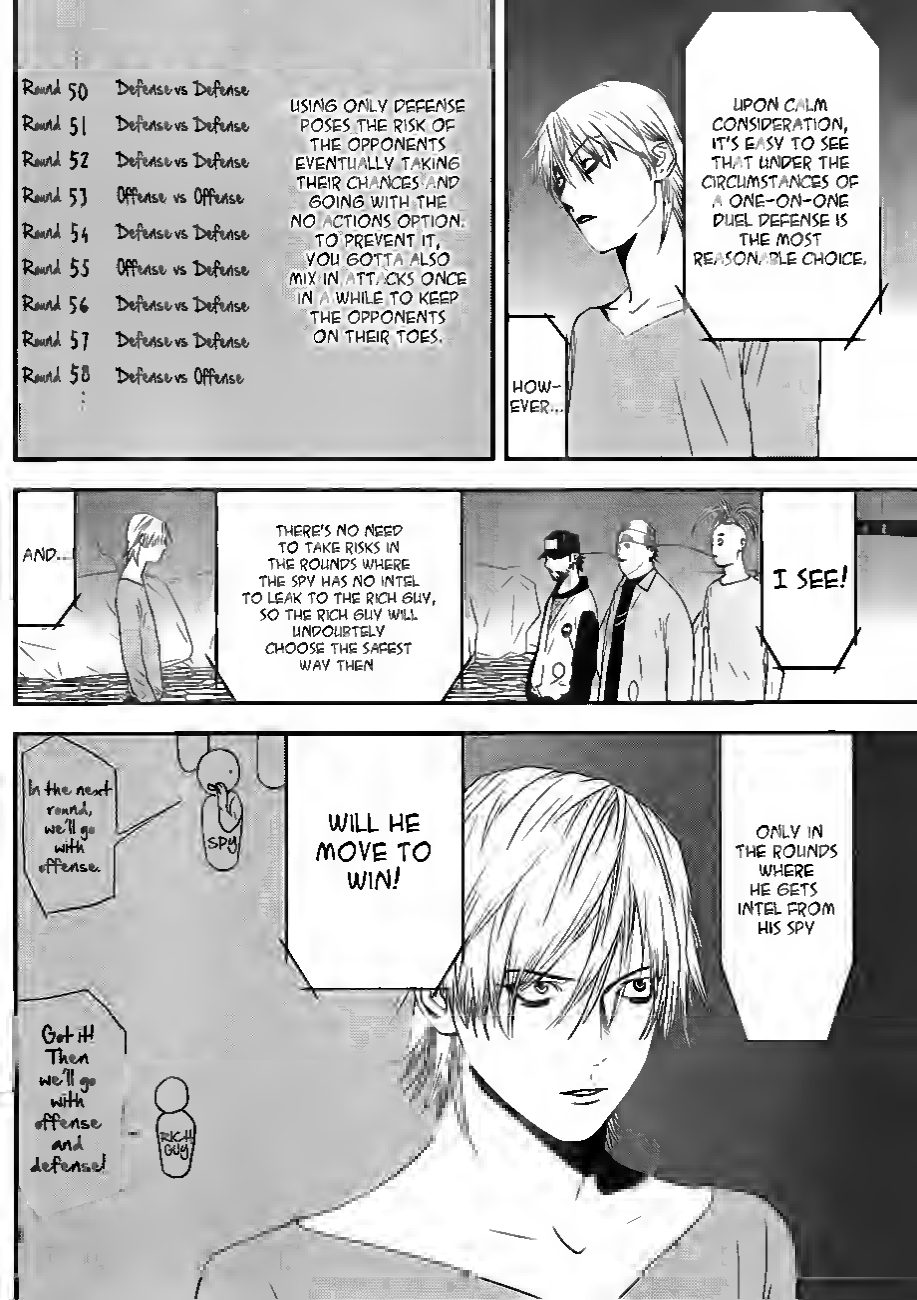
AAH!!!


RIGHT.
AS LONG AS THE ENEMY DOESN'T GO WITH THE NO ACTIONS PLAN, IT'S A NO-RISK OPTION TO US!
DEFENSE IS THE BEST OPTION!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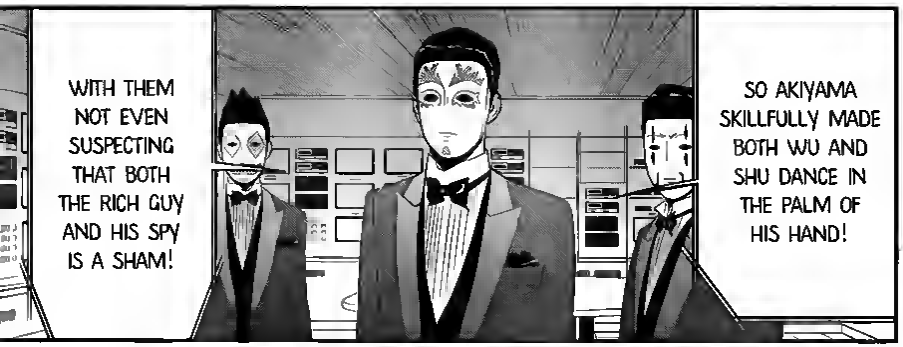
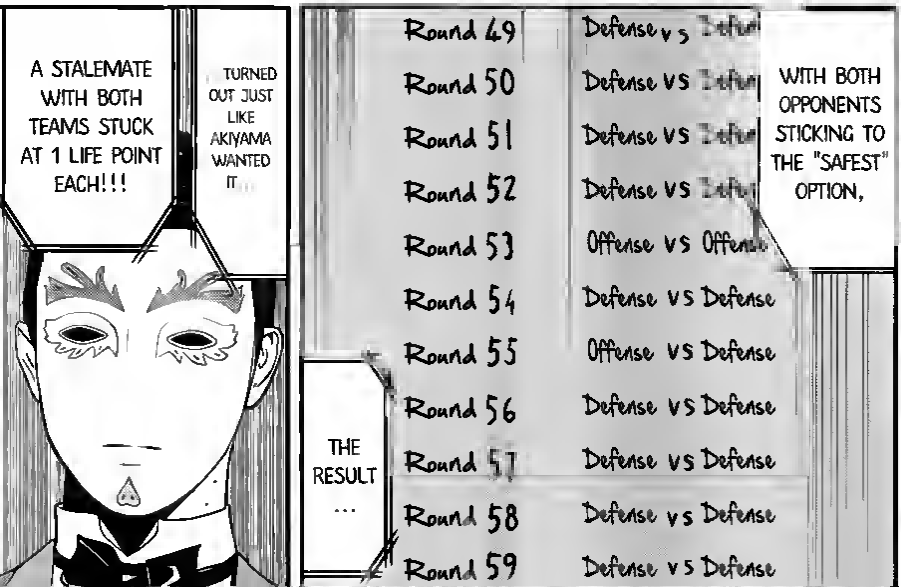
USING ONLY DEFENSE POSES THE RISK OF THE OPPONENTS EVENTUALLY TAKING THEIR CHANCES AND GOING WITH THE NO ACTIONS OPTION. TO PREVENT IT, YOU GOTTA ALSO MIX IN ATTACKS ONCE IN A WHILE TO KEEP THE OPPONENTS ON THEIR TOES.
UPON CALM CONSIDERATION, IT'S EASY TO SEE THAT UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF A ONE-ON-ONE DUEL DEFENSE IS THE MOST REASONABLE CHOICE.
HOW-EVER...
AND...
THERE'S NO NEED TO TAKE RISKS IN THE ROUNDS WHERE THE SPY HAS NO INTEL TO LEAK TO THE RICH GUY, SO THE RICH GUY WILL UNDOUBTEDLY CHOOSE THE SAFEST WAY THEN
I SEE!
In the next round, we'll go with offense.
SPY
WILL HE MOVE TO WIN!
ONLY IN THE ROUNDS WHERE HE GETS INTEL FROM HIS SPY
Got it! Then we'll go with offense and defense!
RICH GUY

I SEE NOW!!!
SINCE THE GENERAL HAS TO INPUT ACTIONS AT HIS OWN DISCRETION, AS LONG AS THE CURRENT GENERAL ISN'T THEIR SPY WE'LL ALWAYS SEE THE ENEMY TAKE THE SAFEST ROUTE!
AND IF AT THE SAME TIME WE ALSO STICK TO THE SAFEST OPTION, THE SCORE GAP WON'T BE BORN!
THE SPY WILL NATURALLY REVEAL HIMSELF THEN!
AND THAT'S NOT ALL!
Our debts are now all yours, guy!
Mine's 300 mil
Mine's 600mil
Mine's 200mil
Eh ?
SPY
AS SUCH...
HE WILL BE FORCED TO SHOULDER THE 3 OTHER MEMBERS' DEBTS, SO BEING A SPY SIMPLY WON'T PAY OFF ANYMORE!
Oops~ They got us~
For the successful attack, I got 800 mil yen!
SPY
IF THE SPY DOES LEAK OUR PLAN, HE'LL GET BIG MONEY FROM THAT OTHER RICH GUY ALRIGHT, BUT ALSO, ACCORDING TO OUR AGREEMENT, WITH THE SCORE GAP ALTERATION RESULTING FROM THAT,
.. SO IT MEANS...?
IT'S HIGHLY LIKELY THAT THE SPY WILL END UP BETRAYING THE RICH GUY!

YEAH!!!
EVEN WITH A SPY IN OUR MIDST, THIS METHOD WILL STILL ALLOW US TO WIN!!!
WE CAN WIN!!!
YEAH!!!
LET'S PUT THIS METHOD TO WORK!
HMPH.
AKIYAMA!!! THANKS FOR THE IDEA!!!
SO THERE WAS THAT KIND OF DEALINGS GOING ON WHILE WE WEREN'T WATCHING, HUH!
OOH!!!

BUT OF COURSE!
REPLAY
HE ALSO SAID THE SAME THING TO THE MEMBERS OF WU, I ASSUME?


WITH THEM NOT EVEN SUSPECTING THAT BOTH THE RICH GUY AND HIS SPY IS A SHAM!
SO AKIYAMA SKILLFULLY MADE BOTH WU AND SHU DANCE IN THE PALM OF HIS HAND!


A STALEMATE WITH BOTH TEAMS STUCK AT 1 LIFE POINT EACH!!!
TURNED OUT JUST LIKE AKIYAMA WANTED IT...
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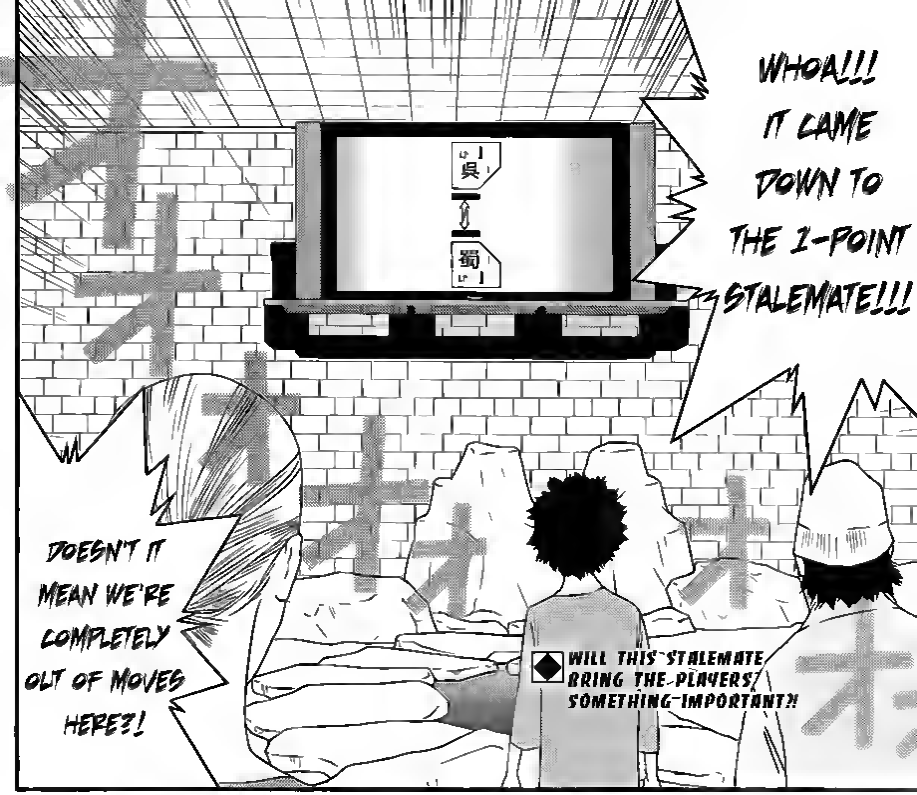
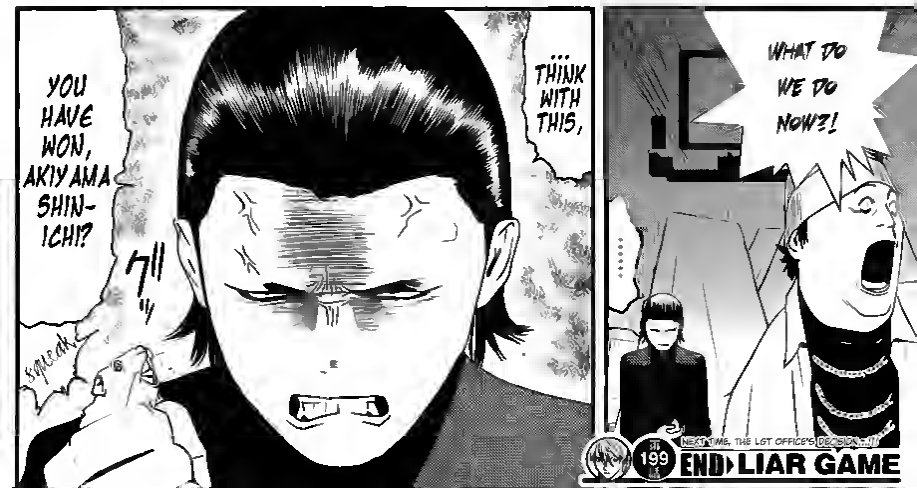
WITH BOTH OPPONENTS STICKING TO THE "SAFEST" OPTION,
THE RESULT ...


WHOA!!! IT CAME DOWN TO THE 1-POINT STALEMATE!!!
DOESN'T IT MEAN WE'RE COMPLETELY OUT OF MOVES HERE?!
WILL THIS STALEMATE BRING THE PLAYERS' SOMETHING IMPORTANT?!


YOU HAVE WON, AKIYAMA SHINICHI?
SMILE
...THINK WITH THIS,
WHAT DO WE DO NOW?!
NEXT TIME, THE LOT OFFICE'S DECISION!!!
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Crossing the 200 chapter landmark!!

Chapter 200
Move of trust

Only 1 more chapter till it ends!

LIAR GAME
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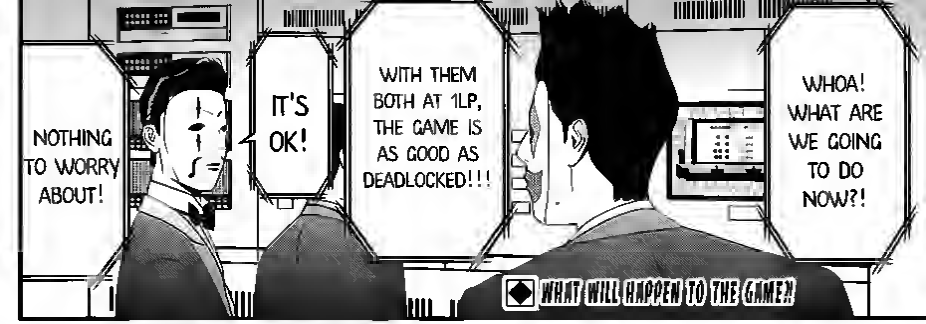
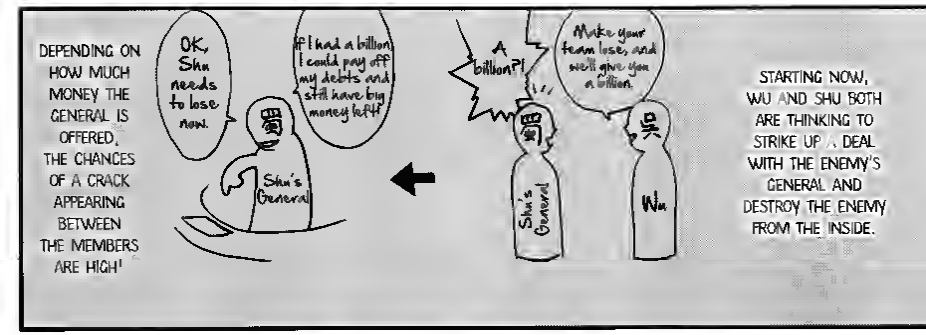
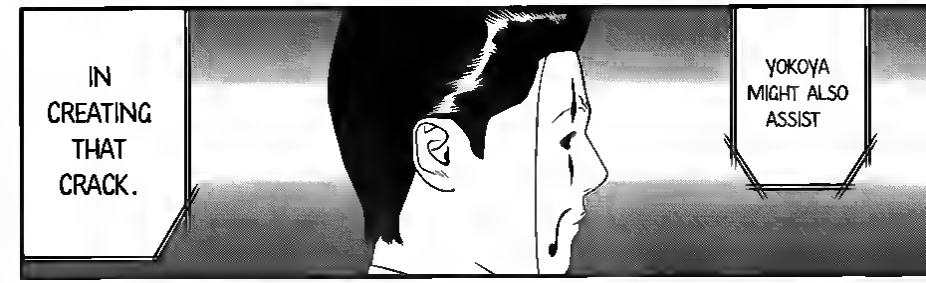
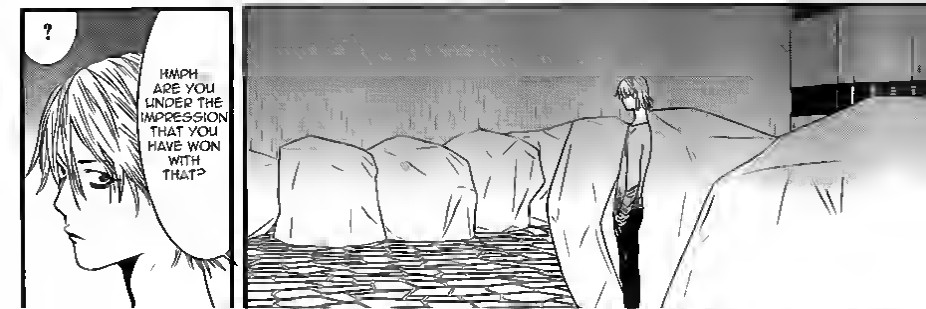
STUCK AT 1LP EACH!!!

What will break the stalemate...?!


NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT!
IT'S OK!
WITH THEM BOTH AT 1LP, THE GAME IS AS GOOD AS DEADLOCKED!!!
WHOA! WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO NOW?!
WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE GAME?!


DEPENDING ON HOW MUCH MONEY THE GENERAL IS OFFERED, THE CHANCES OF A CRACK APPEARING BETWEEN THE MEMBERS ARE HIGH!
OK, Shu needs to lose now.
If I had a billion I could pay off my debts and still have big money left!
Shu's General
A billion?!
Make your team lose, and we'll give you a billion.
Shu's General
Wu
STARTING NOW, WU AND SHU BOTH ARE THINKING TO STRIKE UP A DEAL WITH THE ENEMY'S GENERAL AND DESTROY THE ENEMY FROM THE INSIDE.


IN CREATING THAT CRACK.
YOKOYA MIGHT ALSO ASSIST


?
HMPH ARE YOU UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT YOU HAVE WON WITH THAT?

YOU SIMPLY FORCED A TIE, SHALL WE SAY, NOTHING MORE THAN THAT.
YOU ONLY CREATED A SITUATION WHERE BOTH TEAMS ARE LEFT WITH A SINGLE LIFE POINT
WHEN PUT LIKE THAT, TRUE, I GUESS.
WELL,
WELL TO THINK THAT YOU WOULD USE THE EXISTENCE OF A RICH PERSON AMONG THE PLAYERS IN THAT WAY... FAILING TO REALIZE IT WAS, INDEED, MY OVERSIGHT.
HOW-EVER,
I HEARD ABOUT YOUR PLAN FROM THE WU AND SHU MEMBERS.
THE PEOPLE GATHERED HERE ARE ALL GOOD-FOR-NOTHINGS, ONE MISSTEP COULD HAVE EASILY RESULTED IN EITHER SHU OR WU WINNING.
YOU WERE SIMPLY LUCKY THAT THE PLAYERS DID WHAT THEY DID, AND THEIR MOVES HAPPENED TO COINCIDE WITH WHAT YOUR SCHEME REQUIRED...
IT IS NOT THAT YOUR "PLAN" WORKED EITHER.

THIS TIE WAS NOT A RESULT OF YOUR PLAN.
IT WAS DUMB LUCK.
FU-
FUFU-
YOU STILL DON'T GET THE FUNDAMENTALS OF IT, DO YA?
!?
I SAID IT TO YOU BEFORE, REMEMBER?
THAT THE KANJI FOR WEI MEANS "ENTRUSTED TO A DEMON",
WHILE FOR WO IT'S "ENTRUSTED TO A HUMAN".
SO I...
...ENTRUSTED IT TO HUMANS.

"TO BELIEVE PEOPLE IS TO DOUBT THEM"... MEANING...
A FORMER TEACHER OF MINE, OKABE-SENSEI, WAS ALWAYS SAYING THIS TO ME:
!?
THIS IS WHAT IT MEANS TO TRUST AND BELIEVE
IF YOU KEEP DOUBTING PEOPLE AND SEARCHING WHAT'S INSIDE THEM, SOONER OR LATER YOU'RE BOUND TO UNDERSTAND SOMETHING ABOUT THEM
AND WHEN YOU DO, YOU'LL BE ABLE ENTRUST SOMETHING TO THEM
BUT YOU KNOW...
I... FORSOOK HIS WORDS FOR A LONG PERIOD OF TIME
MADE ME REMEMBER THEM.
...MEETING THE HONEST TO A FAULT KANZAKI NAO

SHE FOLLOWED MY ADVICE WITH BLATANT HONESTY, TRYING TO ESTABLISH COMMUNICATION WITH THE PLAYERS SHE MET AND DOING HER DAMNEST TO GET A GLIMPSE INTO THEIR HEARTS FOR AS LONG AS THE TIME PERMITTED
WHEN SHE GOT CAUGHT UP IN THIS GAME AND WAS AGONIZING OVER IT, I SAID TO HER THAT SHE SHOULD DOUBT PEOPLE BECAUSE IT WOULD BE THE SAME AS HER ATTEMPTING TO GET TO KNOW THEM
..BUT,
THEY'RE WEAK, SELFISH, IMPATIENT AND GENERALLY FULL OF SHIT
YOU'RE RIGHT ABOUT ALL THE PEOPLE HERE BEING GOOD-FOR-NOTHINGS
THEIR HEART BEGAN TO UNDERSTAND
THROUGH HER COMMUNI-CATION WITH THEM
...
THIS IS THE ONE MOVE OF TRUST THAT WAS ONLY POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF KANZAKI'S EFFORTS TO DOUBT PEOPLE AROUND HER AND UNDER-STAND THEM IN THEIR ENTIRETY.
AND NEITHER IT'S THE RESULT OF MY PLAN BEING ALL THAT GREAT
THIS TIE IS, BY NO MEANS, DUMB LUCK
YOKO-YA.
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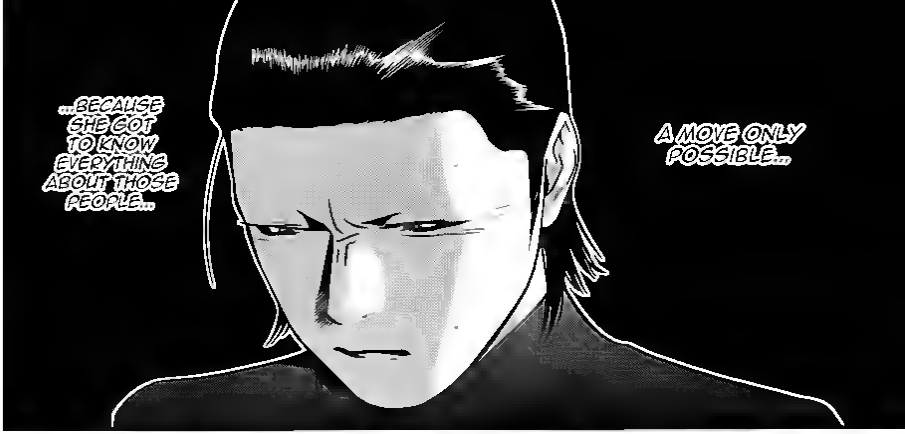
eliminated 魏 Wei 0 pts
eliminated 倭 Wo 0 pts

AND THIS IS VICTORY OF KANZAKI
WHO CONTINUED BELIEVING IN PEOPLE DESPITE EVERYTHING SHE'D BEEN THROUGH.
WELL THEN
THE BATTLE ISN'T OVER YET,
SO LET'S END THIS IDLE CHIT-CHAT WITH THAT
...
KANZAKI'S...
...VICTORY, HE SAYS...?


...BECAUSE SHE GOT TO KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT THOSE PEOPLE...
A MOVE ONLY POSSIBLE...

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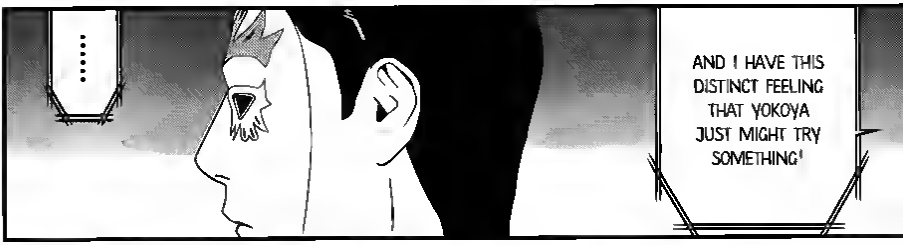
EVEN AKIYAMA HAS JUST ADMITTED THAT THE FIGHT ISN'T OVER YET!
HAHA!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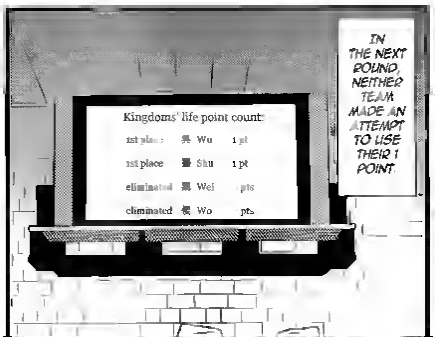
AND I HAVE THIS DISTINCT FEELING THAT YOKOYA JUST MIGHT TRY SOMETHING!


IN THE NEXT ROUND, NEITHER TEAM MADE AN ATTEMPT TO LOSE THEIR 1 POINT.
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eliminated 呉 Wo pts

THE STALEMATE WENT ON UNBROKEN FOR A WHILE
HOW-EVER,

THE 1 POINT DEAD-LOCK STILL HELD ON
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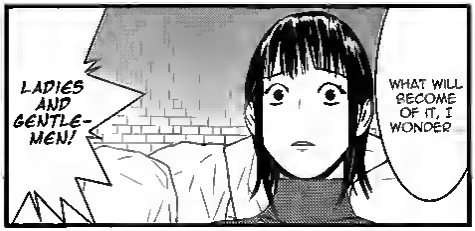
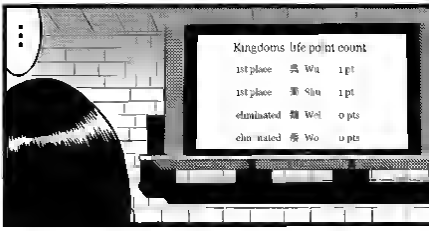
eliminated 倭 Wo 0 pts
AND IN THE ROUND AFTER THAT...
PAUSE
AH!
DO YOU HAVE SOME BUSINESS WITH ME?
?
BECAUSE I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT YOU WON'T LEAVE IT LIKE THAT, RIGHT?
IF YOU'RE PLANNING SOMETHING, YOKOYA-SAN, MAYBE WE COULD HELP YOU IN SOME WAY...
IT'S JUST... UM... I WAS JUST WONDERING WHAT'S NEXT...

OF COURSE, I WILL NOT.


LADIES AND GENTLE-MEN!
WHAT WILL BECOME OF IT, I WONDER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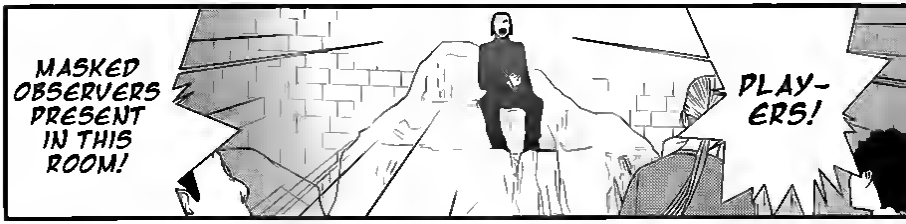
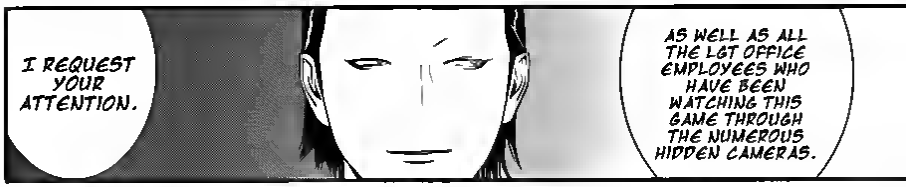

MASKED OBSERVERS PRESENT IN THIS ROOM!
PLAY-ERS!


I REQUEST YOUR ATTENTION.
AS WELL AS ALL THE LGT OFFICE EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE BEEN WATCHING THIS GAME THROUGH THE NUMEROUS HIDDEN CAMERAS.

WHA
...
!!

!!
ALLOW ME TO ANSWER YOUR WORRIES THEN.
FU FU FU.
AT THE MOMENT, YOU ALL CANNOT HELP FEELING ANXIOUS AS TO HOW LONG THIS STALEMATE WILL CONTINUE, AM I RIGHT?
ALL WE NEED FOR THAT IS FOR SOMEONE FROM WU OR SHU – IT MATTERS NOT FROM WHICH – TO BETRAY THEIR TEAM AND MAKE IT LOSE ON PURPOSE.
THIS DEADLOCK CAN BE BROKEN SURPRISINGLY EASILY.
SO THAT THE LATTER COULD MAKE THE TEAM LOSE WILL ALSO DO.
BUT THE BOSS SWITCHING THE GENERAL WITH HIS ACCOMPLICE
THE FASTEST OPTION IS FOR THE GENERAL TO TURN ON HIS TEAM.
WHAT I AM PLANNING TO DO RIGHT NOW IS...
!!
FUFU... ALLOW ME TO BE HONEST WITH YOU.
...ENOUGH TO PUSH THIS PLAN AND MAKE IT HAPPEN.
FUFU... YOU ALL MUST BE AWARE BY NOW THAT I HAVE SOME BIG MONEY IN MY POSSESSION...
ALTHOUGH THIS PLAN'S SUCCESS IS HEAVILY DEPENDENT ON HOW MUCH THE INTERESTED PARTY IS WILLING TO PAY TO THE TRAITORS.

I INTENT TO SUPPORT THE CURRENT STALEMATE.
...TO STIR CLEAR OF BOTH WU AND SHU, INTERFERING WITH NEITHER.
!?
HUH?!
!?
...A WAY TO FIGHT AGAINST THE LGT OFFICE.
IN OTHER WORDS, THIS IS...
THAT IS WHY I WILL SIMPLY BE SITTING HERE, HIGH AND IN PLAIN SIGHT, AND CONSPICUOUSLY DO NOTHING AT ALL
WELL, I DO NOT EXPECT YOU TO BELIEVE ME,

..SUFFICIENT AMOUNT OF FOOD AND DRINKS WAS PREPARED BEFOREHAND FOR US PLAYERS, SO PROVISIONS ARE NOT A PROBLEM.
I UNDERSTAND THAT A STALEMATE WITH NO END IN SIGHT MAY BE EXHAUSTING FOR THE PARTIES INVOLVED, BUT
!!

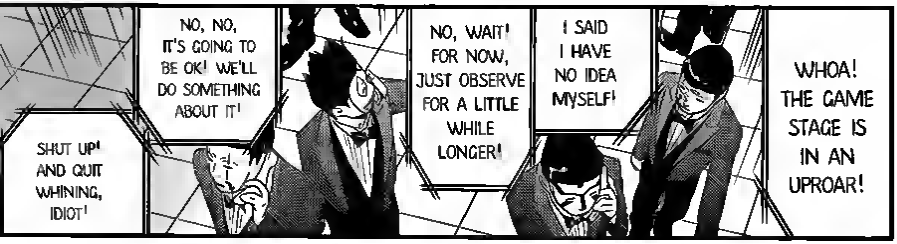
WHAT IS YOKOYA SAYING?! IS HE SERIOUS?!
HUH?!
THIS SITUATION WILL TROUBLE THE LTG OFFICE MUCH MORE THAN US.
THAT IS, EVEN IF THIS STALEMATE WERE TO CONTINUE FOR A WEEK, WE WOULD NOT DIE. I DARESAY THIS IS A FAR BETTER OPTION THAN HELL WAITING TO SWALLOW THE LOSERS THE MOMENT THE GAME ENDS... NO, ACTUALLY...

IT IS THEIR TURN TO SUFFER NOW, DO YOU NOT AGREE?
FROM THIS POINT ON, WE WILL FIGHT OUR TORMENTORS, THE LGT OFFICE.

LET'S MAKE THE LGT OFFICE SUFFER !!!
YEAH !!!
NOW WE'RE TALKING! LET'S DO IT!!!
WHAT ?!!!
LET 'EM STARVE TO DEATH!
DON'T LET THE MASKED OBSERVERS HAVE ANY OF OUR FOOD!
THAT IS...
THE RESULT OF KANZAKI TRYING TO LOOK INTO THE PLAYERS' HEARTS AND OF AKIYAMA MAKING IMPRESSIVE USE OF HIS ANALYTICAL ABILITIES IS THAT ALL THOSE PEOPLE HAVE JUDGED THAT THOSE TWO CAN BE TRUSTED...
THE MEANING BEHIND AKIYAMA'S WORDS.
YOKOYA IS SMART, SO HE HAS GRASPED
...
THIS IS BAD! THINGS GOT OUT OF HAND!!!
RABLAIS-SAN
WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT THIS SITUATION?!!

...WISH TO OBTAIN VICTORY THROUGH BETRAYAL.
THEY NO LONGER ...

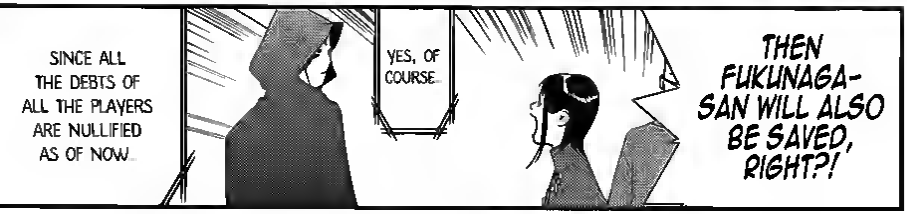
SAYING THAT TO ME IS USELESS, YOU KNOW...
'THIS IS NOT WHAT WE TALKED ABOUT!" AND SUCH!
THEY'RE PROTESTING, "THIS IS NOT WHAT I SIGNED UP FOR!"
NEARCO-SAN!!! WE'RE BEING FLOODED WITH INQUIRIES FROM THE WHITE-MASK OBSERVERS ON THE SCENE!!!

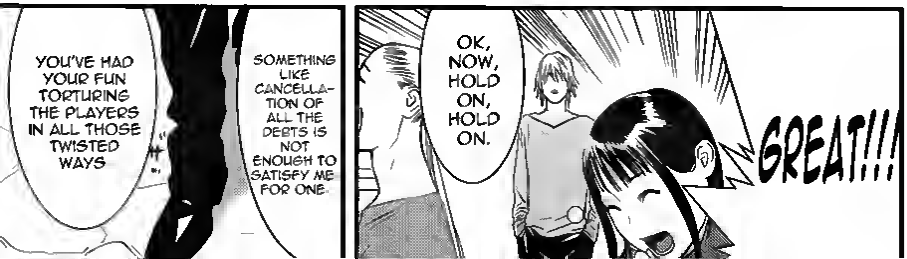

NO, NO, IT'S GOING TO BE OK! WE'LL DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT!
NO, WAIT! FOR NOW, JUST OBSERVE FOR A LITTLE WHILE LONGER!
I SAID I HAVE NO IDEA MYSELF!
WHOA! THE GAME STAGE IS IN AN UPROAR!
SHUT UP! AND QUIT WHINING, IDIOT!

REGARDLESS, WE CANNOT CHANGE THE RULES OF THE GAME NOW, EITHER, AS SUCH...
TRUTH BE TOLD, THIS IS UNFORE-SEEN CIRCUM-STANCES TO US
I SHALL EXPLAIN HOW WE ARE GOING TO DEAL WITH THE STALEMATE
PLEASE BE QUIET, LADIES AND GENTLE-MEN!!!
ガッガ
QUIET!!!

WE SHALL CANCEL THE LIAR GAME
AND ANNOUNCE THE LGT OFFICE'S THOROUGH DEFEAT.
THO-ROUGH DEFEAT...?
...
IF THE GAME IS CANCELLED AND YOU LOST...
...THEN WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO OUR DEBTS?
CANCELLATION MEANS INABILITY TO HOLD THE LIAR GAME, WHICH, IN TURN, PURPORTS...
...THAT ALL THE DEBTS YOU HAVE ACCUMULATED THUS FAR,
AS OF THE MOMENT, ARE OFFICIALLY NULL AND VOID.

WE'RE SAAAAA AVED!!!
HOOO RRRRA AAY!!!


SINCE ALL THE DEBTS OF ALL THE PLAYERS ARE NULLIFIED AS OF NOW.
YES, OF COURSE.
THEN FUKUNAGA-SAN WILL ALSO BE SAVED, RIGHT?!


YOU'VE HAD YOUR FUN TORTURING THE PLAYERS IN ALL THOSE TWISTED WAYS
SOMETHING LIKE CANCELLA-TION OF ALL THE DEBTS IS NOT ENOUGH TO SATISFY ME FOR ONE.
OK, NOW, HOLD ON, HOLD ON.
GREAT!!!

NOW, WHY DON'T YOU START TALKING
AND TELL US ALL ABOUT THE TRUE MEANING BEHIND THE LIAR GAME.
AT LAST, WE WILL LEARN EVERYTHING ABOUT THE LGT...!
NEXT TIME, THE CONCLUSION OF THE 10 YEAR LONG DECEPTION!
AS YOU WISH.
I SHALL TELL YOU EVERYTHING.
NEXT TIME, THE LAST CHAPTER! EVERYTHING BECOMES CLEAR!
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Chapter 201 LIAR GAME
YOKOYA-SAN SAID HE KNOWS ALL THERE IS TO KNOW ABOUT THE LIAR GAME. SO FIRST, COULD YOU PLEASE CONFIRM OR DENY HIS CLAIM?
UM...
WELL THEN... WHERE SHOULD I START?
FOR 10 YEARS OF DECEPTION, SHE NEVER STOPPED BELIEVING
THE GRAND CONCLUSION TO THE GAME OF DECEPTION!
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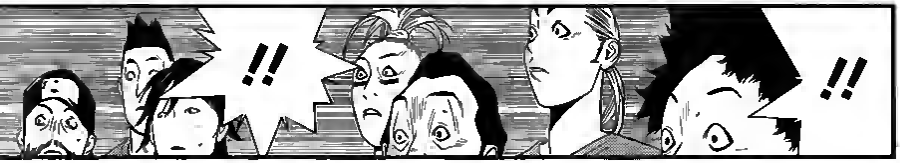
HE MADE THAT CLAIM AS PART OF HIS STRATEGY, I IMAGINE. BUT WHAT I CAN ASSURE YOU OF IS THAT HE DOES NOT KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT THE LIAR GAME... HOWEVER...
STATING THAT HE KNOWS ALL THERE IS TO KNOW IS NOT QUITE CORRECT.
!!
ARE BASED ON THE NOVEL HE SPOKE OF.
IT IS TRUE THAT THE GAMES WE HELD
Everything about the Liar Game is revealed!

IN THE SOCIETY SO INEQUAL, ANYONE EXPRESSING THEIR DISSENT WAS SUPPRESSED BY FORCE AND PURGED PROMPTLY AND MERCILESSLY.
THAT WAS A COUNTRY...
LITERALLY REIGNED WITH FEAR.
THE WEALTH WAS MONOPOLIZED BY THE FEW POWERFUL, WHILE THE GREAT NUMBERS OF CITIZENS LANGUISHED IN POVERTY, WITH THEIR SITUATION GETTING ONLY WORSE
WELL, LET ME START WITH AN EXPLANATION ABOUT THIS NOVEL, THEN. LIKE YOKOYA-SAN SAID, THIS NOVEL WAS WRITTEN AND PUBLISHED IN A CERTAIN FOREIGN COUNTRY 25 YEARS PRIOR...
THE AUTHOR OF THIS NOVEL, VIVY, WAS ONE OF SUCH PEOPLE.
AND YET, EVEN IN A COUNTRY LIKE THAT, THERE COULD BE FOUND PEOPLE WHO BOLDLY OPPOSED THE AUTHORITIES.
THIS NOVEL WAS DESIGNED TO CONSIST OF THREE VOLUMES, BUT...
"PROBABLY"...?
BY EXPOSING UNSIGHTFUL PARTS OF HUMAN NATURE IN THE ABSURD REALITY OF THE LIAR GAME WORLD AND PRESENTING THE MODEL IMAGE OF HOW A PERSON REALLY SHOULD BE HE CRITISIZED THE SYSTEM IMPLICITLY BUT STRONGLY... THIS IS THE MEANING THIS NOVEL WAS PROBABLY SUPPOSED TO CARRY.
THIS NOVEL, "LIAR GAME", IS ONE OF HIS BOOKS.
WHILE HE DID NOT OPENLY CRITISIZE THE SYSTEM, HIS BOOKS ALWAYS FEATURED THE PROTAGONIST FEARLESSLY TACKLING AN IMMIENSE EVIL OR SENT OUT A STRONG MESSAGE BY DELVING INTO THE WORST PARTS OF HUMAN NATURE. READING HIS BOOKS IGNITED IN PEOPLE THE DESIRE TO FIGHT THE UNJUST AUTHORITIES, SO BEFORE LONG HE WAS REVERED AS AN ANTI-GOVERNMENT CHARISMATIC HERO
vivy



NOW, THIS IS MY ASSUMPTION, BUT IT IS LIKELY THAT THE CONTENT WAS DEEMED SO HIGHLY SEDITIOUS THAT IT COULD FINALLY TRIGGER A REVOLT...

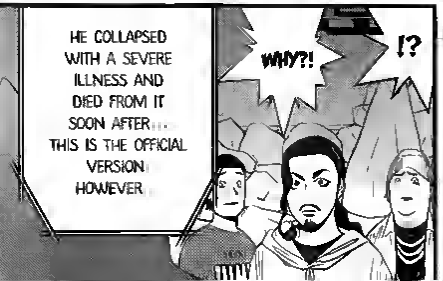
IT IS NOT AN OVERSTATEMENT TO SAY THAT WHEREVER IT WAS WRITTEN IN THE FINAL VOLUME, THERE WAS THAT KIND OF POTENTIAL.

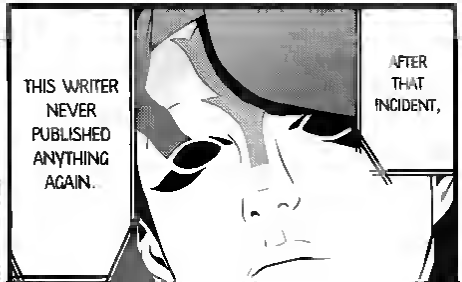
IN THAT COUNTRY, BEFORE PUBLISHING, EVERY WORK HAD TO UNDERGO STRICT INSPECTION.

SO THE CENSORS WERE THE ONLY ONES WHO HAD A CHANCE TO READ THE LAST VOLUME OF "LIAR GAME".

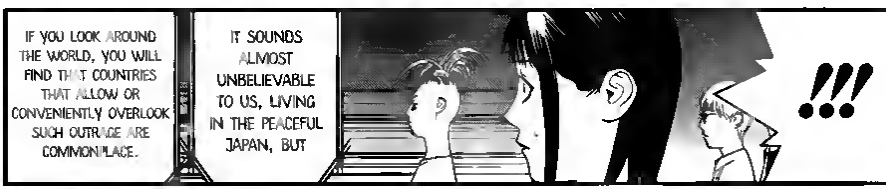
VIVY'S NOVELS PRESENTED A POTENT STIMULANT OF THE CITIZENS' PASSION FOR REVOLUTION.

SO IT IS NOT SURPRISING THAT THE GOVERNMENT LOATHED THEM WITH PASSION AND [illegible] THE LAST VOLUME BEFORE IT WAS EVEN PUBLISHED.





I STRONGLY BELIEVE HE WAS MURDERED ...
...BY THE RULING ELITE.


IF YOU LOOK AROUND THE WORLD, YOU WILL FIND THAT COUNTRIES THAT ALLOW OR CONVENIENTLY OVERLOOK SUCH OUTRAGE ARE COMMONPLACE.
IT SOUNDS ALMOST UNBELIEVABLE TO US, LIVING IN THE PEACEFUL JAPAN, BUT
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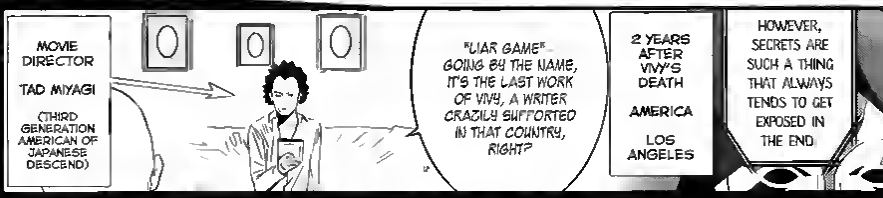
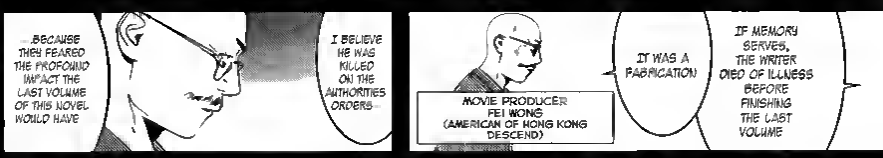
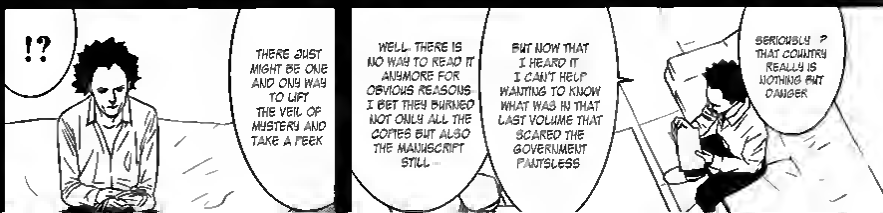

MOVIE DIRECTOR
TAD MIYAGI
(THIRD GENERATION AMERICAN OF JAPANESE DESCEND)
"LIAR GAME" - GOING BY THE NAME, IT'S THE LAST WORK OF VIVY, A WRITER CRAZILY SUPPORTED IN THAT COUNTRY, RIGHT?
2 YEARS AFTER VIVY'S DEATH
AMERICA
LOS ANGELES
HOWEVER, SECRETS ARE SUCH A THING THAT ALWAYS TENDS TO GET EXPOSED IN THE END.


...BECAUSE THEY FEARED THE PROFOUND IMPACT THE LAST VOLUME OF THIS NOVEL WOULD HAVE
I BELIEVE HE WAS KILLED ON THE AUTHORITIES ORDERS -
MOVIE PRODUCER FEI WONG (AMERICAN OF HONG KONG DESCEND)
IT WAS A FABRICATION
IF MEMORY SERVES, THE WRITER DIED OF ILLNESS BEFORE FINISHING THE LAST VOLUME


!?
THERE JUST MIGHT BE ONE AND ONLY WAY TO LIFT THE VEIL OF MYSTERY AND TAKE A PEEK
WELL, THERE IS NO WAY TO READ IT ANYMORE FOR OBVIOUS REASONS. I BET THEY BURNED NOT ONLY ALL THE COPIES BUT ALSO THE MANUSCRIPT STILL -
BUT NOW THAT I HEARD IT I CAN'T HELP WANTING TO KNOW WHAT WAS IN THAT LAST VOLUME THAT SCARED THE GOVERNMENT PANTSLESS
SERIOUSLY ? THAT COUNTRY REALLY IS NOTHING BUT DANGER

AND HOLD THE LIAR GAME, DESCRIBED IN IT, IN REALITY!
THAT IS, TO GATHER PEOPLE WHO ARE EXACTLY LIKE THE CHARACTERS IN THE NOVEL
THAT'S THE BUSINESS I CAME TO DISCUSS WITH YOU TODAY!
I'M NOT JOKING! I'M DEAD-SERIOUS, I ASSURE YOU!
THAT'S A FUNNY JOKE YOU CAME UP WITH
HAH!
THAT'S WHY IT HAS TO BE YOU! I WANT TO ASK YOU TO HOLD THE ORIGINAL LIAR GAME FROM THE NOVEL! AND...
MR MIYAGI! YOU'RE A DIRECTOR KNOWN FOR YOUR SOCIAL-GEARED WORKS, AND YOU'RE AT THE PEAK OF YOUR POPULARITY RIGHT NOW. YOUR DOCUMENTARIES, DEPICTING PEOPLE AND EVENTS AS-IS, WITHOUT ANY STAGING, RECEIVE RAVE REVIEWS FROM VIEWERS AND EXPERTS ALIKE ALL AROUND THE GLOBE.
I DO NOT HOLD THE HOPE THAT THE ENDRESULT OF THE GAME WILL BE THE SAME AS THE ENDING OF THE ORIGINAL NOVEL... BUT THE MAIN FEATURE AND ATTRACTION OF VIVY'S WORKS IS THAT HE WAS CAPABLE OF PREDICTING IN FINE DETAILS AND FAITHFULLY PORTRAYING JUST HOW THE THING KNOWN AS HUMAN PSYCHE WOULD WORK UNDER GIVEN CIRCUMSTANCES.
...TO PRESENT THAT STRICTLY DOCUMENTARY FOOTAGE WITHOUT THE LEAST BIT OF STAGING TO THE WORLD!
RECORD ITS PROCEEDINGS WITH HIDDEN CAMERAS...

WE WILL BE ABLE TO REVIVE AT LEAST THE MESSAGE HE PUT IN HIS WORK! I HAVE A FEELING THAT WE JUST MIGHT.
SO MAYBE, JUST MAYBE
PLEASE ACCEPT MY REQUEST!!!
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE I CAN TURN TO!
WELL THAT'D WORK, I GUESS
THAT WAY, IDENTIFYING THEM WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE
WE'LL HAVE ALL THE PARTICIPANTS WEAR MASKS WITH DIFFERENT PATTERNS ON THEM.
A MOVIE THAT USES FOOTAGE SECRETLY FILMED WITH HIDDEN CAMERAS WILL NEVER BE GREEN-LIT BY THE AUTHORITIES
THERE IS A WAY AROUND IT.
NO, WAIT, WAIT! IT'S AN INTERESTING EXPERIMENT, SURE, BUT THERE IS A PROBLEM! NAMELY, VIOLATION OF THE RIGHT OF PUBLICITY!
...TO SPREAD THE HOPES AND IDEAS OF MY UNFORTUNATE FRIEND WHO WAS MURDERED BY THE GOVERNMENT!
PLEASE HELP ME...
WHEN I SAW HIS TEARS, I RESOLVED TO MAKE THE MOVIE
SO HE WAS YOUR FRIEND?
THAT IS RIGHT
"I"?!
!?

TAD MIYUGI.
I AM THAT DIRECTOR,
AND SO, 16 YEARS AGO, THE FILMING BEGAN.
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THE FILMING WAS GOING WELL.
THE PLAYERS DID NOT NOTICE THE GAME WAS STAGED AND DESPERATELY FOUGHT IN GAMES WITH ALL THEIR MIGHT.
FINALLY, ON THE DAY OF THE LAST GAME...
IT'S JUST LIKE THE PRODUCER SAID...
WE JUST MIGHT BE ABLE TO GLIMPSE THE ENDING OF THAT NOVEL.
AS TO THE SELECTION OF PLAYERS, A THOROUGH PRE-TEST WAS CONDUCTED TO ASSEMBLE PEOPLE WHO FULLY FIT THE DESCRIPTION OF THE CHARACTERS FROM THE NOVEL.
WHEN THE GAME STARTED, IT TURNED OUT THAT, MORE OFTEN THAN NOT, THINGS, INDEED, DEVELOPED IN THE SAME WAY AS THE PLOT DESCRIBED.
JAPAN BECAME THE STAGE FOR IT, AND ALL THE PLAYERS WERE JAPANESE.
THE REASON WHY I CHOSE JAPAN IS BECAUSE THIS COUNTRY IS MONORACIAL AND SECULAR, SO THOSE KINDS OF FACTORS WOULD NOT INTERFERE WITH FORMATION OF FACTIONS IN GAMES.
TO BE EXACT ...
SOMETHING TERRIBLE HAPPENED.

...WAS REPORTED TO HAVE DIED IN AN ACCIDENT WHILE ON A BUSINESS TRIP IN THE SOUTHEAST ASIA

FEI, THE PRODUCER WHO APPROACHED ME ABOUT MAKING THIS MOVIE...

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AS PROOF...

I HAVE NO DOUBT HE WAS.

ALSO KILLED?

WAS HE...

BECAUSE I FEARED FOR MY FAMILY AND THE PLAYERS' LIVES

I CAVED IN AND CANCELLED THE FINAL GAME

NEXT

...SHORTLY AFTER HIS "ACCIDENT", A LETTER CONTAINING AN IMPLIED YET CLEAR THREAT ABOUT THE MEMBERS OF MY FAMILY BEING THE NEXT TARGETS WAS DELIVED TO MY HOUSE IN LOS ANGELES

THAT WAS HOW THE FIRST LIAR GAME PREMATURELY ENDED BEFORE REACHING ITS CULMINATION

OF COURSE, I ALSO TOLD THE PLAYERS THE TRUTH ABOUT HOW THE LIAR GAME WAS STAGED...

ONE DAY, SOON AFTER,

I FOUND A BOX ON MY DOORSTEP.

WHEN I OPENED IT, INSIDE IT WAS PACKED FULL OF SINGAPORE DOLLARS... 5 BILLION IN TOTAL!

THERE ALSO WAS A SINGLE BLACK LETTER ENCLOSED.

IT READ, "IF YOU WISH TO DROP OUT OF THE GAME, THIS MONEY IS YOURS. YOUR REFUSAL WILL BE TAKEN AS YOUR CONTINUING THE GAME".

IT CLEARLY WAS A SARCASTIC THREAT BASED ON THE LIAR GAME OPENING—

I WAS VERY SCARED FOR MY LIFE AND FLED ABROAD.

AFTER MOVING FROM ONE COUNTRY TO ANOTHER ALL ACROSS THE WORLD, I CHANGED MY NAME AND EMIGRATED TO JAPAN... I DECIDED THAT I WOULD LIVE A QUIET LIFE IN HIDING HERE

NEEDLESS TO SAY, I GAVE UP ON FILMING ANYTHING EVER AGAIN.

THAT WAS HOW

TAD MIYAGI, ONCE KNOWN AS A TREND-SETTER IN THE WORLD OF SOCIAL MEDIA COVERAGE,

WAS ERASED OUT OF EXISTENCE.

ONLY AFTER SEVERAL PEACEFUL YEARS WAS MY FEAR PLACATED ENOUGH FOR ME TO LIVE CALMLY.
MY LIFE IN JAPAN WAS INDEED QUIET, BUT EVERY DAY OF THE FIRST DECADE OF MY LIFE HERE I COULD NOT HELP TREMBLING IN FEAR...
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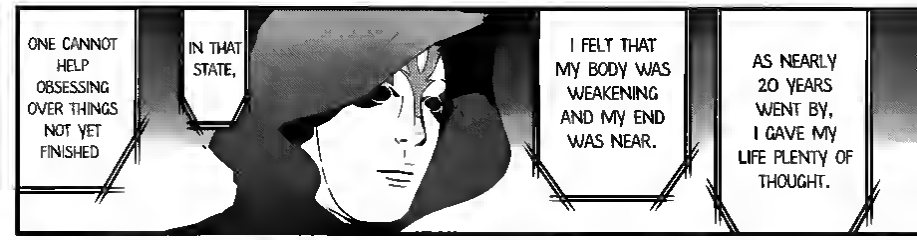
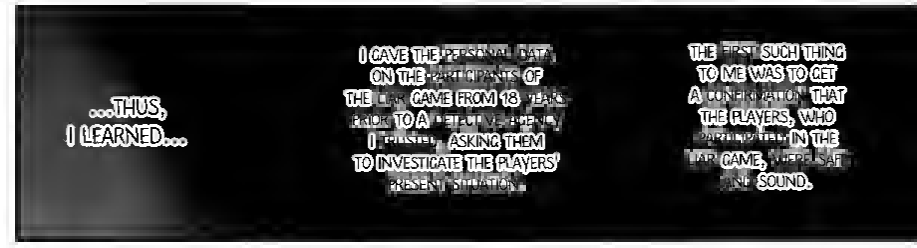

ONE CANNOT HELP OBSESSING OVER THINGS NOT YET FINISHED
IN THAT STATE,
I FELT THAT MY BODY WAS WEAKENING AND MY END WAS NEAR.
AS NEARLY 20 YEARS WENT BY, I GAVE MY LIFE PLENTY OF THOUGHT.


...THUS, I LEARNED...
I GAVE THE PERSONAL DATA ON THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE LAST GAME FROM 18 YEARS PRIOR TO A DETECTIVE AGENCY I TRUSTED, ASKING THEM TO INVESTIGATE THE PLAYERS' PRESENT SITUATION.
THE FIRST SUCH THING TO ME WAS TO GET A CONFIRMATION THAT THE PLAYERS, WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE LAST GAME, WERE SAFE AND SOUND.

...THAT ALTHOUGH THE PLAYERS LED VERY DIFFERENT LIVES, ALL OF THEM WERE ALIVE

MIYAGI-SAN?!
HELLO, THIS IS MIYAGI I WONDER IF YOU REMEMBER ME
...IN ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH THE OTHER THING I STILL HAD LEFT TO FINISH
WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY, I CONTACTED THEM

ACTUALLY, I'M CALLING BECAUSE I HAVE SOMETHING VERY IMPORTANT TO DISCUSS WITH YOU ALL...
THE LIAR GAME? ...OH, IT'S BEEN 18 YEARS ALREADY, HUH! AH WELL, IN HINDSIGHT, THAT GAME WAS A GOOD EXPERIENCE FOR ME.
POOR AS A CHURCH MOUSE THOUGH.
YES, I'M DOING MORE OR LESS FINE.

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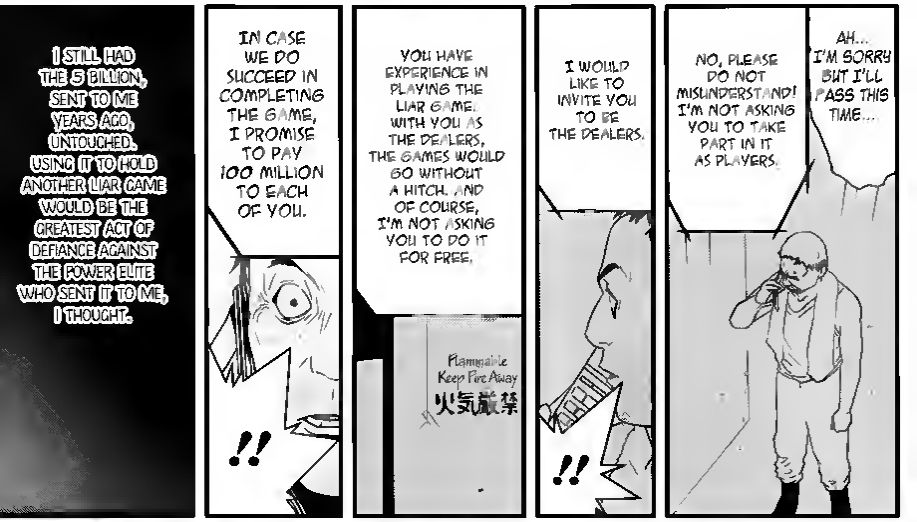
I WANT TO TRY AND HOLD ANOTHER LIAR GAME.


I STILL HAD THE 5 BILLION, SENT TO ME YEARS AGO, UNTOUCHED. USING IT TO HOLD ANOTHER LIAR GAME WOULD BE THE GREATEST ACT OF DEFIANCE AGAINST THE POWER ELITE WHO SENT IT TO ME, I THOUGHT.
IN CASE WE DO SUCCEED IN COMPLETING THE GAME, I PROMISE TO PAY 100 MILLION TO EACH OF YOU.
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YOU HAVE EXPERIENCE IN PLAYING THE LIAR GAME. WITH YOU AS THE DEALERS, THE GAMES WOULD GO WITHOUT A HITCH. AND OF COURSE, I'M NOT ASKING YOU TO DO IT FOR FREE.
Flammable
Keep Fire Away
火気厳禁
I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO BE THE DEALERS.
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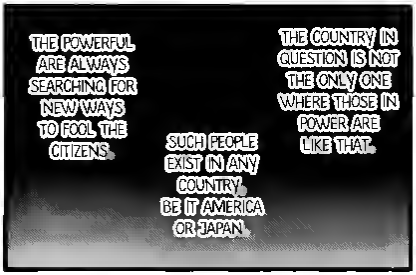
NO, PLEASE DO NOT MISUNDERSTAND! I'M NOT ASKING YOU TO TAKE PART IN IT AS PLAYERS.
AH... I'M SORRY BUT I'LL PASS THIS TIME...

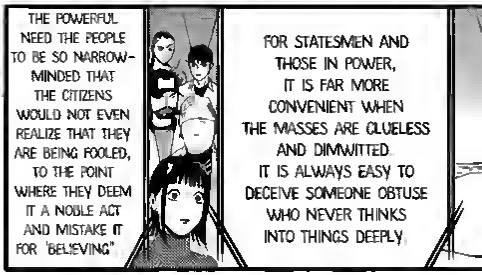
...SO THAT MEANS...
AH!

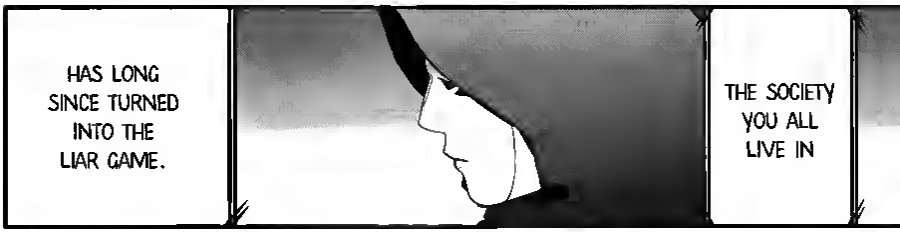
ALL THE DEALERS, HOSTING THE GAMES, ARE THE PLAYERS WHO TOOK PART IN THE FIRST LIAR GAME?!
YES, THAT IS RIGHT.
THE PATTERNED MASKS THEY HAVE ON ARE THE SAME ONES THEY USED PREVIOUSLY.
EH?!
IS THAT WHO YOU REALLY ARE?!
YES.
I SEE IT MAKES SENSE NOW
UNLESS THIS GAME IS FINISHED, YOU WILL NOT GET THE 100 MILLION PROMISED TO YOU, THAT'S WHY YOU WERE IN SUCH PANIC.
HEY NOW, I'LL SAY THIS SO YOU DON'T GET THE WRONG IDEA.
ME AND LERONIRA REFUSED THAT 100 MILLION.

WE CAME HERE BECAUSE WE WANTED TO SEE WITH OUR OWN EYES THE CONCLUSION OF THE LIAR GAME WE HADN'T BEEN GIVEN THE CHANCE TO EXPERIENCE OURSELVES BACK THEN.
AND YOUR HIDDEN CAMERAS SHOT EVERYTHING THAT WAS GOING ON IN FULL DETAILS, RIGHT?
SO, UH, LET ME GET THIS STRAIGHT THIS IS, IN FACT, A SECOND LIAR GAME...
THIS IS THE TRUTH BEHIND THE LIAR GAME.
YES.
.....
AFTER WATCHING THIS SECOND LIAR GAME, I HAVE A FEELING THAT I NOW UNDERSTAND WHY THE DESPOTIC POWERFUL WENT TO SUCH GREAT LENGTHS TO ERASE THE NOVEL
UNFORTUNALLY, THERE IS NO WAY OF KNOWING IF THE NOVEL HAD THE SAME ENDING, BUT...
THE GAME HAS ENDED THE WAY YOU SEE, AND, TO BE HONEST, I PERSONALLY WAS DEEPLY MOVED WITH THE RESULT ALL OF YOU HAVE REACHED
!!
BUT IT SEEMS I WAS MISTAKEN.
UNTIL NOW, I WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT THE MESSAGE OF THE NOVEL WAS A CRY NOT TO YIELD TO THE POWER HOLDERS NO MATTER WHAT

...THAT PEOPLE WOULD REALIZE JUST HOW POTENT A WEAPON "TRUST" CAN BE.
WHAT THE AUTHORITIES FEARED WAS...


THE POWERFUL ARE ALWAYS SEARCHING FOR NEW WAYS TO FOOL THE CITIZENS.
SUCH PEOPLE EXIST IN ANY COUNTRY BE IT AMERICA OR JAPAN.
THE COUNTRY IN QUESTION IS NOT THE ONLY ONE WHERE THOSE IN POWER ARE LIKE THAT.


THE POWERFUL NEED THE PEOPLE TO BE SO NARROW-MINDED THAT THE CITIZENS WOULD NOT EVEN REALIZE THAT THEY ARE BEING FOOLED, TO THE POINT WHERE THEY DEEM IT A NOBLE ACT AND MISTAKE IT FOR "BELIEVING"
FOR STATESMEN AND THOSE IN POWER, IT IS FAR MORE CONVENIENT WHEN THE MASSES ARE CLUELESS AND DIMWITTED. IT IS ALWAYS EASY TO DECEIVE SOMEONE OBTUSE WHO NEVER THINKS INTO THINGS DEEPLY.


HAS LONG SINCE TURNED INTO THE LIAR GAME.
THE SOCIETY YOU ALL LIVE IN

HOLDS TREMENDOUS POWER.
AND YET, "TRUST" BORN WHEN YOU FORGET YOUR PERSONAL INTERESTS AND JOIN FORCES TO FIGHT AGAINST THE ODDS TOGETHER
STILL, WHAT ALL OF YOU DEMONSTRATED THROUGH THIS GAME IS THAT "BELIEVING" IS, BY NO MEANS, AN EASY PATH TO FOLLOW. SOMETIMES, TAKING IT MEANS ALLOWING YOURSELF BE DECEIVED OR SUFFERING HEAVY DAMAGE YOU WILL NOT EVER RECOVER FROM.

...AND THE REASON WHY THOSE IN POWER FEARED THIS BOOK SO MUCH.
I AM NOW SURE THAT THIS IS THE REAL MESSAGE THE AUTHOR OF THIS NOVEL IMBUED HIS WORK WITH...
AS SUCH, BEFORE THE RELEASE, YOUR FACES WILL BE ALTERED VIA CG SO THAT TO MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO UNCOVER YOUR IDENTITIES.
THAT SAID, THE TIMES HAVE CHANGED COMPARED TO WHEN THE FIRST LIAR GAME WAS HELD. TECHNOLOGY OF ALTERING VOICE AND PICTURE ITSELF THROUGH CG PROCESSING HAS GREATLY ADVANCED SINCE THEN, SO REQUIRING THE PLAYERS TO WEAR MASKS WAS NO LONGER NECESSARY.
AS I EXPLAINED, THE LIAR GAME WAS HELD WITH THE PURPOSE OF FILMING IT AND RELEASING THE FOOTAGE TO PUBLIC AS A DOCUMENTARY LATER.
WELL NOW,
... EXCEPT,
THAT WAY, A LOT MORE PEOPLE WILL HAVE THE CHANCE TO UNDERSTAND THE MESSAGE.
I INTEND TO UPLOAD IT TO THE INTERNET SO THAT THE WHOLE WORLD CAN ACCESS IT.
THE FINISHED CONTENT WILL NOT BE SHOWN IN MOVIE THEATERS, EITHER.
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THOSE OF YOU WHO ACCEPT AND GIVE THEIR PERMISSION TO AIRING THE FOOTAGE, PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND
IF ANY OF YOU ARE ADAMANT ABOUT NOT WANTING THIS DOCUMENTARY TO BE MADE PUBLIC, I WILL TAKE YOUR WISHES INTO CONSIDERATION.

YOKOYA-SAN?!
I DID NOT MEAN...
NO,
IS SOMETHING WRONG? IS IT THAT STRANGE TO SEE ME RAISE MY HAND FIRST?
IT JUST MIGHT MAKE THE FOOLISH CITIZENS CHANGE, WHICH IS ALSO NOT BAD.
AND
I WOULD THINK IT SHOULD FEEL SATISFYING TO MAKE THE CRAPPY POWER ELITE TURN PALE IN THE FACE OVER THIS MOVIE

I'M COOL WITH IT, TOO!
I DO, TOO!
I APPROVE!
YOKOYA... IS BEING AN IMPRESSIVELY GRACEFUL LOSER, DO YOU NOT AGREE?
RABLAIS-SAN,
!?
FUFU... I EXPECTED NOTHING LESS FROM YOU, RABLAIS-SAN. YOU KNOW YOKOYA REALLY WELL.
I SUSPECT THAT DEEP INSIDE HE ALWAYS WISHED FOR HITLER TO GO OUT WITH DIGNITY BEFORE FALLING SO LOW.
WELL, HE'S BEEN LOOKING UP TO HITLER FOR A LONG TIME... BUT ALWAYS LOATHED HITLER'S LATER YEARS.

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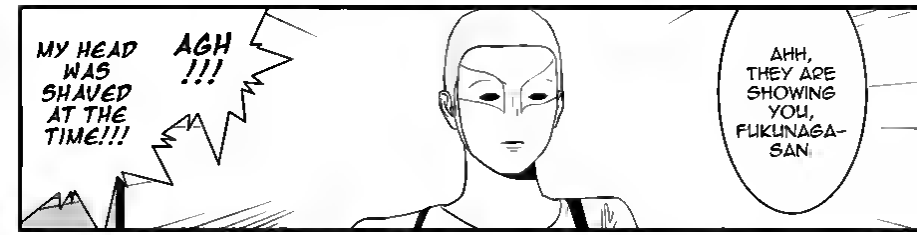
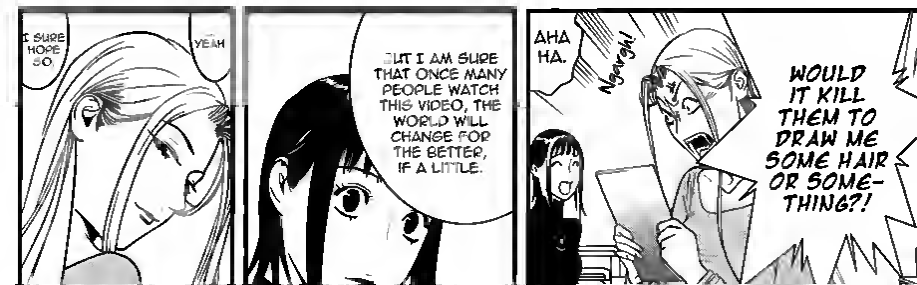
YOU ARE YOKOYA'S FATHER, ARE YOU NOT?
AND THAT WOULD BE BECAUSE...
.....
CRUEL AND CRAFTY, WINNING EVERY SINGLE GAME YOU TOOK PART IN
I REMEMBER YOU VERY WELL. 18 YEARS AGO YOU WERE VERY MUCH LIKE HOW YOKOYA IS NOW.
I THOUGHT SO.
BUT
EVEN IN LIFE YOU ALWAYS WERE AN INVINCIBLE WINNER WHO NEVER EXPERIENCED DEFEAT.
I HEARD THAT AFTER THE GAME, YOUR ENTERPRISE ALSO SUCCEEDED SPLENDIDLY, TURNING A BIG PROFIT.
MAYBE SO.
HMPH ...
AND SO,
DEPENDING ON HOW YOU LOOK AT IT, THROUGH THIS ALONE HE MIGHT HAVE SURPASSED YOU, A PERSON WHO HAS YET TO SUFFER DEFEAT IN ANYTHING.
IN THIS GAME YOUR SON LEARNED THE TASTE OF DEFEAT

OUR LONG, LONG BATTLE
HAD BEEN FINALLY OVER.
1 MONTH LATER
HAVE YOU WAITED LONG, NAO?
FUKU-NAGA-SAN!
BY THE WAY, DO YOU KNOW WHAT DAY TODAY IS?
YES. I DO! THE DAY THE LIAR GAME DOCUMENTARY WE PARTICIPATED IN IS GOING TO BE UPLOADED TO THE INTERNET!
AKIYAMA-SAN SENT ME MAIL TO INFORM ME
OH, SO YOU'VE BEEN KEEPING IN TOUCH, HUH?

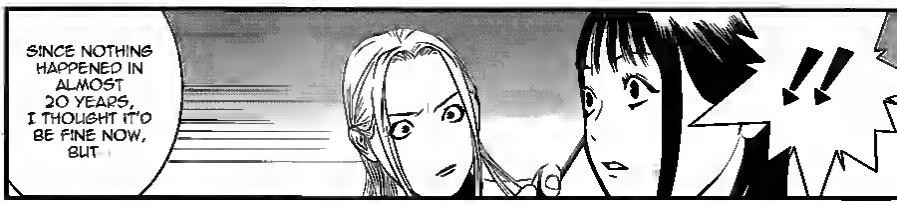
IT IS UP!!!
AAAA AH!!!
OOH !!!
LIAR GAME/1/10/Nonfiction

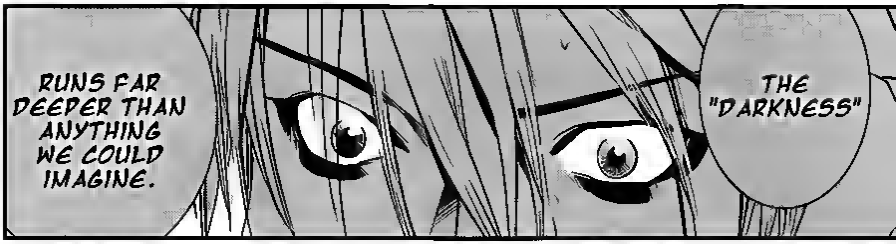
PRESENT-DAY TECHNOLOGY REALLY IS INCREDIBLE!
OUR NAMES ARE BEING BLEEPED WHENEVER THEY'RE CALLED, TOO.
AFTER CG IMAGE PROCESSING, OUR FACES LOOK AS IF WE WERE WEARING MASKS!


MY HEAD WAS SHAVED AT THE TIME!!!
AGH !!!
AHH, THEY ARE SHOWING YOU, FUKUNAGA-SAN.


I SURE HOPE SO.
YEAH
BUT I AM SURE THAT ONCE MANY PEOPLE WATCH THIS VIDEO, THE WORLD WILL CHANGE FOR THE BETTER, IF A LITTLE.
AHA HA.
Ngngh!
WOULD IT KILL THEM TO DRAW ME SOME HAIR OR SOMETHING?!

TOO MANY PEOPLE ARE TRYING TO ACCESS IT AT THE SAME TIME, I GUESS
THE VIDEO SUDDENLY STOPPED PLAYING. WHY, I WONDER...
WAIT FOR A WHILE AND TRY AGAIN.
HUH?
Hello, world
LIAR GAME/1/10/Nonfiction
LET ME SEE.
IT'S STILL NOT PLAYING.
HM...
2 HOURS LATER
This video was deleted
この動画は削除されました
LIAR GAME/1/10/Nonfiction
WHAT ON EARTH IS THIS?
.....
AND IT'S SUDDENLY UNAVAILABLE ON ALL THE OTHER STREAMING WEBSITES IT WAS UPLOADED TO
NOPE
IS THE LIAR GAME VIDEO PLAYING FINE ON YOUR SIDE?
THIS PROBABLY MEANS
H, HELLO, AKIYAMA-SAN?
I WILL TRY ASKING AKIYAMA-SAN.





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